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Agawam Senior Olympians Shine!



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER OLYMPIC Team which recently brought home many medals from the Massachusetts Senior Olympics Games. From left - Gordon L. Sellick, Ernie Bouley, Chet Comins, Fernande Senecal, Carmino Calento, Janice Schermerhorn, Rudy Altobelli, Carol Moran, Bert Presz, Vi Presz, Sandra Smith, and Joel W. Anderson. RELATED PHOTO AND STORY IN FAMILIES SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HELEN BEANE, EMILY GUIDI, and LORY BOSQUET prepare meals for elderly people in the community to be visited by the Meals On Wheels. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Health Dept. Flap Continues To Boil As Hearing Sought

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Controversy is still swirling in the aftermath of Town Council's decision to chop \$22,500 from the Health Department's budget. This in turn has caused the elimination of sanitation inspector Casimir Tryba from the town payroll.

Some citizens, who are frustrated and angered by this action, told us Tuesday night they want answers that they aren't getting to why this was done.

According to Feeding Hills resident Jane Dennis, the recent organizer of the town's Fourth of July Festival, she has filed a petition in the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday morning. The petition, which contained at least 50 signatures of registered voters here, demands that the council hold a public hearing to further air the issue.

Mrs. Dennis told us, "The petition is to let councilors know we want a public hearing on this issue. We want to ask questions. I think they owe it to us to tell us what they based their decision on."

Looking For Answers

She added, "We are very upset. We have a lot of questions and we are not getting any answers. We voted for these people. They represent us and we should be able to ask them questions."

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Meals On Wheels Providing Needed Service To Elderly

by Dale Fiske
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Many senior citizens in town enjoy a mutual-care network between themselves and the Senior Center. Not only is socialization provided at the center, but its programs provide services that benefit the golden-ager community.

One such program is the Meals-on-Wheels Program that delivers complete dinners to 125 home-bound elders. As town resident and program supervisor Pauline Mercadante said, "All meals are ready to eat and hot when delivered."

Mrs. Mercadante, who is the Elder Citizen Aide at the Senior Center, plans daily menus that are eye-appealing, tasty, and—above all—nutritious. All meals meet strict government standards that dictate requirements that provide the optimum health benefit for the elderly, she stated.

For instance, each dinner must have the proper percentage of vitamins A, C, and E. No diet can exceed 1,300 mg of sodium, and each meal has between 700 and 800 calories.

Mrs. Mercadante said only high fiber breads are used, and many high fiber vegetables are also incorporated into the menus. Fresh fruits and vegetables are prepared according to what is in-season.

SEE MEALS ON WHEELS - Social Section...

Health Dept. Issue Continues To Boil (from Page 1)

At the council's July 20th meeting, councilors voted 6-5 in favor of the cut. Councilors who voted in favor included Thomas Ennis, Richard Brindle, Jessie D. Fuller, James Taylor, and Edward A. Caba. Ennis made the original motion asking for the cut.

Most of the five dissenting councilors, including Gary Suffriti, Walter Balboni, Nancy Gravel, Louis Russo, and council President Joanne H. Willis, were caught by surprise. Several of them said the motion to cut the Health Dept. budget came "right out of the blue."

Tryba was handed his walking papers last Friday afternoon, July 31st, the final day Mayor Christopher C. Johnson could veto the cut. Johnson has said several times to the press he sustained the council vote because he did not wish to further divide the council.

Tryba is a 12-year veteran of the Health Department and made \$31,500. Mrs. Dennis said she and other citizens behind the petition drive feel Tryba is a solid town employee.

Tempers Were Flying Again

Tempers again flew at Monday night's council meeting. President Joanne H. Willis put the issue back on the council agenda to reopen discussion on it. The bitter debate became entangled in council rules and members voted 6-4 not to reopen the matter.

Mrs. Willis told us Tuesday night, "I am very disappointed the majority of the council is able to block the efforts to discuss the Health Department. I am sure people have a lot of questions. I am sure they are wondering what is going on and would like to get the facts on the table."

Mrs. Willis is still seeking to restore Tryba's position by transferring \$22,500 from the reserve fund budget. She said there is \$225,000 in that account.

Councilor Willis Slates Office Hours

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold office hours this Saturday, August 8th, at the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Councilor Willis will be available from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to listen to constituent concerns on various issues facing the town.

All residents are invited to attend.

count.

Of course, this would need six council votes and Mayor Johnson said in a published report on Wednesday that Mrs. Willis' efforts would be futile unless she can muster six votes to approve the transfer on the council floor. Only the Mayor can ask the council for such a transfer.

Mrs. Willis said she plans to send a letter to Johnson asking for the transfer, adding, "Any other councilors wishing to sign the letter can."

Ennis, for his part, cannot understand why the flap is continuing to escalate.

"It's just business as usual. That's Agawam. There's never a dull moment."

Cut Is Justified

Ennis said his research proves the cut in the Health Department was justified, adding, "No one likes change. The vocal minority has attempted to make it into a major issue. It is the same people that are always there complaining. We never see new faces. The people who do come forward are egged-on by others and are told only half-truths. The majority is supposed to rule."

Board of Health Chairman William Euliano spoke to the council on Citizen's Speak Time. He said the workload of the Health Department continues to rise and that Tryba's job as sanitation inspector is crucial to the health and welfare of the community.

Councilor Gary Suffriti, one of the most outspoken critics of the cut, agreed. He told us, "Casimir Tryba has served Agawam in an exemplary manner. The state has recognized him for making Agawam a model community for the way a Health Department should function."

"I feel the decision was made recklessly, without any thought to the outcome for the people in town. I am disappointed in the councilors who voted for it. They have not given any concrete explanations for what they did. I think there was a

deal made based perhaps on a personal vendetta and not based on fact," added Suffriti.

Councilors Nancy Gravel and Louis Russo echoed Suffriti's statements. Mrs. Gravel said, "People are very upset and want to know why. I have checked the workload in the Health Department and it has not decreased."

She again reiterated that during budget deliberations, there was no mention of any personnel cuts in the Health Department.

"The whole situation is unsavory. They (the six councilors) have really not given any substantiation to the cut and are not answering any questions. Councilor Ennis served as chairman of the committee that reviewed the Health Dept. budget. There was nothing ever mentioned at that time indicating any money was needed to be taken from that budget," Mrs. Gravel noted.

Don't Want To Discuss It

Russo, as he is well-known for, left no doubt about his position. "They (the councilors supporting the cut) are a bunch of incompassionate, foolish, and gutless people. They don't want to discuss this any further to prevent the truth from being known. And there is no way they could answer any questions without lying."

Russo said the elimination of the sanitation inspector is a carry-over from Mayor Johnson's "failed attempt to nix Health Agent Ronald Young two years ago."

Russo said he fully supports Mrs. Dennis' efforts to have the council conduct a public hearing. "Let's get some answers. Political chicanery should not interfere with the health of our community."

As it presently stands, Young will be responsible for Tryba's duties, which are centered on maintaining health and safety standards for the town's many restaurants and places where food is dispensed to the public.

Mrs. Fuller To Be Honored By Town GOP

The Agawam Town Republican Committee announced that tickets are now on sale for a Testimonial honoring Jessie D. Fuller as "Republican of the Year."

The Testimonial will be held on Thursday, October 8th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The tickets are \$20 per person with hot and cold

hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The emcee will be Rollie Jacobs, a well-known Western Massachusetts media figure.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting one of the following members: Louise B. Mattoon, 789-0193; Virginia Lake, 786-9230; Vincent J. Callahan, 786-7519; Mark McCormick, 786-5111 (evenings only).



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- VEGGIE - Fresh Vegetables & Cheese 4.50

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- WESTERN - One Egg scrambled with Green Peppers, Onions and Diced Ham on a Gilled Roll 2.25

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For those of you watching your cholesterol, try any of these omelettes with our 'egg beaters' cholesterol free eggs (add .50¢) or try your omelette with just plain whipped egg whites. They do not contain any cholesterol and approximately 15 calories per ounce (add .50¢).

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- VEGGIE - Fresh Vegetable Blend with Cheese 4.50

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- Raisin Toast75
- English Muffin75
- Water Roll75
- Bagel75
- Bagel with Cream Cheese 1.05
- Bacon, Sausage, Country Sausage, Hash or Kelbasa 1.65
- Fresh Fruit (In Season) Ask your Server
- Cereal, Cold Small 1.10 Large 1.55
- with Fruit Small 1.60 Large 1.99
- Egg with Toast 1.40

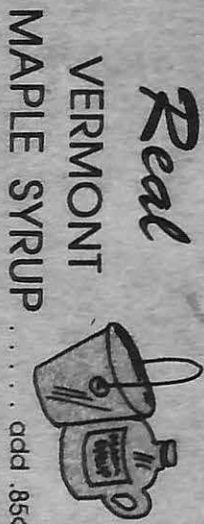
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- Just Oatmeal Small 1.25 Large 1.75
- with fruit Small 1.50 Large 1.95
- Grain - Oatmeal Small 1.50 Large 1.95
- Hot Oatmeal with Granola
- Blueberry Oatmeal Small 1.50 Large 1.95

COLD CEREAL

- Small 1.00 Large 1.50
- Add .45¢ for Fresh Fruit

There is a plate charge for sharing!!





Letters To The Editor

Restaurant Owner Against Cut In Health Dept.

To The Editor:

I feel that the Agawam Town Council should have first called local food establishments to get our opinion about cutting the Agawam Health Dept. budget that has eliminated Cas Tryba from his position as sanitation inspector.

I think that the statistics show that Mr. Tryba is a concerned and hardworking employee who has greatly enhanced the health and welfare of people in our community by ensuring strong health standards in the dispensing of food by local restaurants.

I believe this cut will lower the health standards in our community and that the high standards we now have will be difficult to maintain because the workload is too much for one individual.

I agree that the food inspection program is the most important service provided by the Health Department.

Here are some statistics about inspections made in 1991 by our sanitation inspector: Routine inspections made, 456; Follow-up re-inspections, 248; Written orders of correction, 118; Plan review for new and remodeled establishments, 59; Food establishment complaints, 51; Reported cases of foodborne illness, 35; Investigations of Agawam food establishments implicated in foodborne illnesses, 5; Hearings conducted for serious or repeated violations, 3; and Food establishments placed on probation, 2.

Also, Food license suspensions due to sanitary violations, 2; New establishment openings in 1991, 13; Fires or other emergency occurrence, 4; Food establishments that closed in 1991, 8; Food establishments that changed owners, 10; Meetings, conferences, and public and professional inquiries, 657.

We have 160 food establishments in Agawam, which include restaurants, grocery stores, clubs, bars, pharmacies, package stores, video stores, churches, day cares, camps, schools, industrial kitchens, food warehouses, milk plant, amusement park, and bakeries.

I believe this growing community cannot afford this cut in our health safety.

David Tourville
owner, Amanda's Restaurant, Feeding Hills

Support For Elderly Medicaid Appreciated By Activist

To The Editor:

On behalf of all Massachusetts' nursing home residents, a sincere thank you to each and every caring individual who took the time from his/her busy schedule to call or write to state senators, representatives, and other government officials in opposition to Governor Weld's Medicaid proposals that would have so cruelly affected our frail elderly.

As you probably know, the Senate added a resolution nullifying those specific changes. The Governor then vetoed that resolution. Fortunately, the legislature was able to override his veto—no easy accomplishment.

This was done thanks to the efforts of so many—area C.O.A.'s, Golden Age chapters, Senior Centers, the Agawam Town Council, our state representatives and senators, and every person who took the time to care.

Because of my volunteer work, I personally know of many real people who are resting easier. Our citizens in nursing homes are again free to accept needed hospitalization, or (if able) visit a loved one for a day without fear of displacement from their homes.

Very appreciatively,
Helen L. Manning
Agawam

Sacred Heart Girls' 6-8 League Enjoys Successful Season

To The Editor:

Another fine season has come to a close for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association Girls' 6-8 Instructional League.

I would like to thank the following coaches and sponsors for making this season possible. My thanks to: P.J. Saimerl, Dave Proulx, Lynn Goodrow, Nancy Richter, Lori Ezold, and Skip Robidoux.

Their teams were sponsored by Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, John's Trucking, and Olympic Fasteners.

Thank you and see everyone next season.

Laurie Littlefield
SHAA Commissioner

Cuts In Health Dept. Not In Best Interest Of Town

To The Editor:

I'm concerned about the recent proposed cuts in the Agawam Health Department's budget. I'm particularly disturbed about the comments and rationale given by certain Councilors for supporting a \$22,500 slash to the department's funding for the 1993 fiscal year.

Statements such as, "I don't think there is enough work to keep the people on in the office," and "If one man can do the job — why have two?," and revealing that Councilors' "observations" of the department indicate there is not enough work for both Young and Tryba are clear signs that some of our city's leaders are not very familiar with the responsibilities and scope of the Health Department.

My guess is that few people are fully aware of what exactly the Health Department does. As a Sanitarian (Health Inspector) in a neighboring community, I'm offering the following broad, but incomplete, overview.

Perhaps the "observations" made about the low volume of work done IN that office are true. The reason for this is simple. The majority of a sanitarian's work is not done IN the office. It is impossible to conduct inspections from behind a desk.

Consider the variety of duties that a sanitarian must tend to:

- State law mandates that every food establishment be inspected at least every six months. I'd be willing to bet that there are more food establishments in Agawam than you might immediately think. Besides the obvious examples, you have to include the convenience stores, drug stores, package stores, school cafeterias, church

kitchens and all the food concession stands at Riverside Park.

Don't forget, once an inspection is conducted a reinspection is often necessary to make sure all the violations cited have been adequately corrected.

- Public and semi-public swimming areas require inspection by the local health department as prescribed by State law. Inspections review safety equipment, the qualifications of personnel, and water testing.

- State regulations require that the recreational camps for children be routinely inspected by Board of Health agents. Activities and facilities must be carefully scrutinized.

- Tanning facilities must be inspected yearly by each city's health authority. The users must be ensured that the equipment and procedures meet all legal requirements.

- The Health Department oversees the installation of septic systems. This includes approving the plans and issuing the permits to install the systems. Once a system is installed, it cannot, according to State law, be buried until it has passed an inspection done by the City's health authority.

- The Health Department is charged with enforcing the State Sanitary Code which defines minimum standards for human habitation. Housing inspections must be done at the request of complainants. Depending on the alleged violation, complaints might have to be investigated within 24 hours after they are received.

If all that is not enough to keep the office busy, let me point out that a Health Department receives other health related complaints that they must act upon. Examples include: scattering trash, illegal dumping, improper disposal of hazardous waste, air pollution, etc.

Other services provided from a local Health Department include vaccinations, tuberculosis testing, vector control, review of school children's vaccination records, follow up on city residents who have contracted a reportable disease (e.g. Shigella), public health education, etc.

At a time when the incidence of tuberculosis is rising, rabies is making its way into Western Massachusetts, AIDS has the public in a near panic, drug use is not uncommon, and the average age of the population is becoming older, it seems ridiculous to hold the opinion that the Agawam Health Department cannot be kept busy with the staff it currently has.

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Wednesday, August 19th
Meeting of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA)
Community Room, Ag. Police Dept.
7:00 p.m.
(Meetings open to the public)

Wednesday, August 19th
Annual registration for Youth Hockey for the West Springfield/Agawam Hockey Association (BayWest)
At the West Springfield Municipal Office Building, Central St., W. Spfld.
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So, if you find out that the child who attends camp with yours is not properly vaccinated, or that chloramines are causing ear infections where you like to swim laps, or that there is a worker infected with Salmonella slicing your deli meat, or that your favorite restaurant has a problem with mice, or that your new septic system is backing up into your basement, or that the neighborhood dogs got into some trash and scattered it (diapers, food, etc.) all over the sidewalk, or that a rabid raccoon was seen in the field down the street, or that where you tan might not be informing its clients about the hazards of ultraviolet radiation, or that your landlord has no intention of replacing the broken hot water heater, remember that it is the Health Department you are likely to call and trust in handling these situations.

Before the proclamation is made that the Health Department doesn't have much to do, it would be wise to look into exactly what their responsibilities to the public are and perhaps even accompany Mr. Tryba on his daily routine for a day or two.

If cuts in personnel are made to the Health Department, then it will likely be impossible for one person to handle the environmental health obligations.

People would be asking, "Where was the Health Department?" when a child drowns in a public pool that had water so cloudy that the bottom could not be seen. "Where was the Health Department?" when the patrons of a particular restaurant became ill because drippings from raw meat contaminated the fresh vegetable salad stored below it in the refrigerator.

I could go on and on with example after example and never exhaust the possibility of situations. Granted, and thankfully, most businesses regulated by health authorities are eager and cooperative with following laws.

However, there can be honest oversights which the Health Department can be instrumental in recognizing and correcting.

No amount of monetary savings is worth compromising the health and safety of Agawam's residents. Agawam is extremely lucky to enjoy the quality of life it presently has. A good deal of the credit can be given to the Health Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie A. Sorel
Life Long Resident of Agawam

Melconian Applauds Estate Tax Reduction

Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Fiscal Year '93 budget includes a provision which reduces the tax bite of the Massachusetts Estate Tax.

"As Assistant Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I supported this drastic reduction because the prior estate law, which some alleged to have been the most onerous in the nation, was forcing elderly Massachusetts residents to leave the Commonwealth in order to avoid this costly tax.

"For those who stayed and died in Massachusetts, their beneficiaries were substantially pinched by the old estate tax."

The new law (Chapter 133) will be phased in over a period of five years and move the Commonwealth towards a tax levy (sponge tax) which, beginning in 1997, will rely exclusively on the federal tax system. This plan is utilized by a majority of other states.

The Massachusetts Estate Tax now affects every resident with an estate valued at \$200,000 or more. The new law will gradually raise this exemption to an eventual \$600,000 in 1996.

In 1997, the entire system will be replaced with a sponge tax that takes advantage of federal tax credits. This new plan could save the taxpayer up to 20% in estate taxes because the sum of the federal credit will determine the state tax.

The amount of the credit will be calculated by the federal government on a sliding scale according to the value of an estate.

Another provision of the law will raise the deduction of spousal transfers from 50% to 100% on July 1, 1994. This means that surviving spouses need not worry about exorbitant transfer taxes on their estates.

In essence, this new law, by the year 1997, will completely eliminate the estate tax for anyone with properties valued under \$600,000, will offer extensive savings in the Massachusetts tax for those who are affected, and will basically eliminate the transfer tax for all surviving spouses.

"Reduction in the estate tax law is long overdue. Now Massachusetts residents will no longer have to flee the Commonwealth to avoid a substantial tax bite," said Senator Melconian.

Kateri Walsh Blasts Congress On Spending

Springfield City Councilwoman Kateri Walsh, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Massachusetts Second Congressional District, has attacked Congress for perpetuating exorbitant spending patterns which they decried little more than a month ago.

"One month ago, Congress debated a Balanced Budget Amendment, cursing the evils of excessive spending. But last week, they authorized more than \$12 billion in further spending. How quickly they forget," said Walsh.

"I'm not opposed to a government that works for people, and I'm not opposed to programs that work. But last week, Congress had several chances to trim the fat," she added.

Walsh cited several examples, including a one-percent, across the board cut in Interior Appropriations which would have saved \$127 million, and a cut in administrative overhead which would have been worth nearly \$50 million.

"The problem is the lack of Congressional backbone. It's not surprising that as a member of that body, Congressman (Richard) Neal perpetuates the problem," stated Walsh.

"Neal voted against nearly every single belt-tightening amendment last week. He could have saved almost \$500 million, but instead voted to spend it.

"When Congressman Neal flip-flopped on the Balanced Budget Amendment, he sent a clear signal that he was not prepared to make the tough decisions necessary to reduce the deficit. But that's just one example," she continued.

"Congress has spent more and more each year, and Congressman Neal has followed suit. Now he's just part of the problem down there (in Washington).

"Congressman Neal used to be 'average' on the spending scale. But, according to the National Taxpayers Union, he's now considered among the worst in Congress—a 'big spender,'" said Walsh, referring to studies conducted by the bi-partisan, pro-consumer organization.

"We need leaders in Washington who care about the people's money as much as they care about their own; leaders who will run the government the way people run their family finances.

"The past 12 years have given us only politicians who spend, not leaders who lead. It's time for a change," she concluded.

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Open House At Feeding Hills Post Office



THE FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE held an open house to the public on Tuesday, July 28th. Here, postal employee Doreen Gallagher assists Roderic H. Light with an Priority Mail Package. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOCAL RESIDENTS Ruth Silk, Lillian Light, William Utley, and Maude Light receive a tour of the Feeding Hills Post Office during an open house on July 28th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 13th, 1992, at 8:15 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Langone for property located near 519 Southwick Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 20, 1992 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council to amend Chapter 180 of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Zoning," Article X and XI, Entitled "Industrial A" and "Industrial B," Section 180-55 through 180-66.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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U.S. POSTAL STAFF MEMBERS greeting townspeople at an open house at Feeding Hills Post Office included, from left -Mark Salina; Marcia Dwelly, postmaster of the Barre (Mass.) Post Office; Judy Balsom, Retail Marketing specialist; and Mary Ellen Holden, officer-in-charge, Feeding Hills Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On July 20th, **Eric K. Lacombe**, 9 Riverview Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Eric Camerlin and Mike Gruska.

On July 21st, **Terrie (Pessolano) Seale**, 44E School Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with a Chicopee and an Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Karen Langevin and Detective Richard Curry.

On July 21st, **Anthony Suffriti**, Marlene Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Richard Light Jr.

On July 22nd, **Maritza Morales**, 67 Bridge Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Steven Grasso.

On July 22nd, **Jenny Beaulieu**, 67 Bridge Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Steven Grasso.

On July 22nd, **James A. Houghton**, 70 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding state police warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Walter Letellier and Richard Light Jr.

On July 23rd, **Joseph L. Palmatier**, 329 Tokeneke Road, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Eric Lottermoser.

On July 24th, **Michael Stanfield**, Beldon Court, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery and malicious damage. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko, Ronald Brown, and Mark Pfau.

On July 24th, **Eric Wheelock**, 425 Central Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Edward Connor, Steve Grasso, Sergeant Donald Loncto, and Mike Gruska.

On July 24th, **Horst Ollmann**, 420 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Mike Gruska.

On July 24th, **James Connors**, 42 Hall Hill, Somers, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and two counts of assault & battery on a police officer. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Mark Pfau.

On July 24th, **James Maskill**, 78 Main Street,

Somerville, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Mark Pfau.

On July 25th, **Anthony Dunton**, 479 Newbury Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and giving false information to a police officer. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau, Mark Poggi, and Steve Draghetti.

On July 25th, **Scott Coleman**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with a Boston Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Richard Conlon.

On July 26th, **Daniel B. Fuglel**, 5 Bemis Road, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan, Sergeant Donald Loncto, and Paul Murphy.

On July 27th, **Robert Perrault**, 8 King Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Paul Murphy.

On July 27th, **Carey O'Neal**, 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On July 27th, **Francis Camyre**, 320 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Ashfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Richard Conlon, Mark Pfau, and Sergeant Donald Loncto.

On July 27th, **David Champigny**, 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau, Michael Gruska, and Mark Poggi.

On July 27th, **Chad Saliba**, 42 Beekman Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau, Mike Gruska, Edward Connor, and Mark Poggi.

On July 27th, **Craig Scott**, 832 Thompsonville Road, Suffield, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau, Mike Gruska, Edward Connor, and Mark Poggi.

On July 28th, **Eduardo Soto**, 76 Bliss Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Jim Donovan.

On July 28th, **Jeffrey A. Hardy**, 1500 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, was arrested

and charged with an outstanding Palmer Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Robert Marsh.

On July 29th, **Thomas G. Poe**, 224 White Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On July 31st, **Lucian Demars**, 36 Orlando Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Edward Connor.

On July 31st, **Nicholas Daponte**, 16 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking & entering into a motor vehicle in the nighttime, possession of chemical Mace without a permit, and receiving stolen property over \$250.00. Arresting officers were Edward Connor, Paul Murphy, and Keith Bopko.

On July 31st, **Mark Barboza**, 25 Burns Avenue, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards, Eric Camerlin, and Auxiliary Officer Kevin Connor.

On July 31st, **Danielle Destromp**, 28 Malden Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Auxiliary Officer Fred Harpin.

On August 1st, **Joseph Myette**, 225 Vining Hill Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Jim Donovan.

On August 1st, **Richard Alaimo**, 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Sergeant Gary Nardi.

On August 1st, **Shawn Berry**, 671 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant and operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Gary O'Brien.

On August 1st, **Dana Palmer**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with five outstanding warrants. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Gary O'Brien.

On August 1st, **Eileen Vermette**, 75 Clanton Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Mike Gruska, and Gary O'Brien.

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Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Today's Police Officer Is Multi-Talented by Detective Wayne Macey Agawam Police Department

Today's police officer can expect to face a myriad of problems during his career in law enforcement. They will have to be many things to many people, and most importantly, they will have to exhibit an ability to change direction and attitude in a split second.

The job is difficult at best and, because we are human beings, at times it seems impossible. It has occurred to me that if we were programmed as machines—to act and react the same way to each similar situation—perhaps the purpose of our existence would be better served.

However, more rational consideration would suggest that each situation, although similar on paper, is vastly different in practice.

The police academy is limited in its ability to prepare an officer for the street. Textbooks can quote case history, instructors can relate experience, and physical conditioning can somewhat ready the body.

The true test, however, will come when the officer is placed on the street. Survival, both physical and emotional, will depend on the officer's ability to adapt.

I would suggest that there are some eight-hour shifts where the inactivity borders on total silence. On the other hand, there are shifts where hours and manpower are simply not enough.

The problem isn't so much one or the other as it is making the transition during the same shift. To go from zero to a hundred miles an hour is rough on the heart as well as the head. It requires concentration and a sense of priority.

I would also suggest that you can't get those things in any police academy. Police work is 10 percent what you learn, and 90 percent who you are.

There are tens of thousands of police officers across the country and indeed all over the world. It isn't so much that we need more cops; what we need is more good cops.

There are differences. Good cops have emotions and keep them in check for the appropriate time and place. They know the difference between necessary force and police brutality.

They recognize the difference between the bad guys they arrest and the citizens we protect. They have a healthy respect for the weapons they carry and the law they represent.

They have a deep and abiding affection for children, and they strive to teach by example. They have a need to be accepted, and an obligation to earn that acceptance.

They are family people with roots and a purpose. They are police officers by profession and caring human beings by choice. They know the difference between what they see on television and what is real.

Most of all, they understand that they are not a part of the badge, but rather the badge is a part of them. It is not to be hidden behind nor used for an excuse.

Perhaps most simply stated, being a cop is listening, caring, understanding, and making a difference each and every time you put on the uniform.

Firewise

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Rules Of The Road For Emergency Vehicles

The Agawam Fire Department reminds motorists that the law requires they pull to the right-hand curb to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in arriving at the scene of an emergency.

When you hear sirens or see red lights, pull to the right side of the road and stop. If you cannot move right, move in any direction that will allow the emergency vehicle through. Look first before moving. If there is no place to move, sit tight.

Following an emergency vehicle may seem exciting, but, in reality, is dangerous both to the emergency personnel and to yourself.

Emergency vehicles often have to stop suddenly and someone following too close could become involved in an accident, and emergency personnel could be injured when attempting to get out of their vehicles to respond to the call.

Please heed the warning posted on the back of most fire engines which states that vehicles behind them should be at least 50 feet behind them.

If you are a pedestrian and hear sirens, stay on the curb. Do not step into the street, even after the emergency vehicle has passed. There may be more following at a distance.

Keep children close to you. They may try to dart out to see the fire truck or ambulance.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARING

The Town of Agawam will conduct a public hearing regarding the Agawam application for funding under the Massachusetts Small Cities Community Development Program through the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20, 1992 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Components of the Small Cities application include a housing rehabilitation program, assistance to first-time homebuyers and removal of architectural barriers. Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the application will have an opportunity to be heard.

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Veterans Can Apply For Vets License Plates

Veteran's Agent Ruth Bitzas wishes to advise area veterans of eligibility for application for the new veteran's license plates.

All honorably discharged wartime veterans are eligible. If your current license plates have not expired, the procedure is to visit your auto insurance carrier to renew our registration. The cost will be prorated based upon the number of months remaining on present plates.

Take the new registration and a copy of your discharge paper (DD 214), with the present plates to the registry of motor vehicles. Women veterans will need to provide proof of any name change due to marriage.

You will be assessed an additional \$40 to the regular cost. This \$40 will be divided between the Chelsea and the Holyoke Soldiers Homes to offset their costs and ensure that our soldiers homes remain open to care for Massachusetts veterans.

The Chelsea Soldiers Home receives 60% of proceeds and The Holyoke Soldiers Home, 40%.

Also, those veterans who are in receipt of the Purple Heart or served at Pearl Harbor during the attack, may have this noted on their plate.

The license plate has a white background with an American Flag to the left of the number and at the top of the plate the word "Massachusetts" and at the bottom of the plate, the word "Veteran."

Mrs. Bitzas noted that, "There's a wonderful feeling of pride that goes along with obtaining your veteran plate, pride in your service to our county, moments of nostalgia remembering old military friends, and the good feeling that comes with helping to keep our soldiers homes open."

If there is any further information needed, please contact Veteran's Services Dept., Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

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Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Delores Dodd of Agawam was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Association For The Blind for her contribution of time as a driver/escort and sighted guide for the blind.

"Delores has helped many clients who cannot see to drive, getting them to the grocery store or to night classes at local colleges.

"She has also been a clerical aide, helping people who can no longer see, with the reading of their mail and keeping their personal accounts up to date. These are the things sighted people take for granted, but our clients could not accomplish some tasks without volunteers like Delores, who help them out.

"MAB is fortunate that she chooses to give her time and her eyes as a volunteer for the Massachusetts Association For The Blind," says Susan Meyers, MAB's Supervisor of Volunteer Services for the agency.

Delores celebrated five years as a volunteer for the MAB in this month.

Airman Jeff Morassi Maintenance Graduate

Airman Jeffrey S. Morassi has graduated from the tactical aircraft maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita, Texas.

Students were taught aircraft maintenance fundamentals of repairing and servicing aircraft with turbo engines. Maintenance management and documentation were also taught for the assessment of aircraft readiness capability.

Morassi is the son of John J. Morassi of 534 Cooper Street and Karen L. Morassi of 237 High Street, both of Agawam.

He graduated from Agawam High School in 1990.

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DELORES DODD of Cottonwood Lane, Agawam (left), was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Association for the Blind for her contributions of time as a driver/escort and sighted guide for the blind. Presenting Delores with her award is Susan Meyers, supervisor of Volunteer Services for the Mass. Association of the Blind.

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Annual Steak Bake For Agawam UNICO



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS, from left - Richard Forni, Louis Russo, and Ed Disco grill steak at the club's Annual Members' Steak Bake on July 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE UNICO MEMBERS preparing meals for fellow club members at the Annual Steak Bake are, from left - Charles R. Calabrese, Albino DallaPegorara, John J. Chriscola, and Joseph Depalo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RICHARD MORASSI (left), James Bruno, Jr., and Walter Balboni, all members of Agawam UNICO, are all business when gobbling down their steamers at the club's Annual Steak Bake on July 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Obituaries

Rozalla Dymerski

Rozalla "Rose" (Jablonski) Dymerski, 98, formerly of 71 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

Born in Poland, she lived in this area most of her life, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She was also a member of the Polish-American Club Auxiliary, and a charter member of Chapter II of the Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, Stanley Dymerski, died in 1963, and her sons, Stanley Jr. and Peter, in 1968 and 1979, respectively. She leaves two daughters, Sophie D. Martin of Agawam and Irene D. Draghet-ti of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Ambulance Fund, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

George D. Donaldson

George D. Donaldson, 79, of Feeding Hills, a retired 30-year worker at the former Perkins Machine & Gear Co. in West Springfield, died recently in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Glastow, Scotland, he emigrated to this country in 1925, and settled in West Springfield. He attended West Springfield High School, and moved to Feeding Hills in 1956.

He was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves a sister, Mary C. Donaldson of Feeding Hills, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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MAKING PLANS FOR THE food to be served by the Meals On Wheels at the Agawam Senior Center are Pauline Mercadante (left), elder citizen aide; and Genevieve Theroux, outreach worker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING the fine meals served by the Senior Center's Meals On Wheels Program are, from left - Joanna Fazio, Peter Mathes, Becky Moraczewski, Germaine Fontaine, and Betty Couture. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly Activities At United Meth. Church

The August Service of Holy Communion will be held at Agawam United Methodist Church this Sunday, August 9th, at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "The Potter and I," based on Jeremiah 18:1-11 and dealing with how to let God shape our lives. Worshippers are invited to wear informal clothing.

The United Methodist Church practices Open Communion, meaning that anyone who desires to renew his or her life through Jesus Christ is invited to receive the communion elements.

Agawam United Methodist Church will hold an Administrative Council Meeting on Thursday, August 13th, at 7:15 p.m. to "brainstorm" and set priorities for 1992-1993, elect new members to the Council, and prepare for the Eastern States Exposition Project.

On August 23rd, Agawam United Methodist Church will hold the second of its Special Summer Sundays at 9:30 a.m. with an outdoor Worship Service and church picnic on the church grounds.

Worshippers are invited to bring food to share and their own picnic supplies, and to wear informal clothes. Gas grills will be supplied.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from the Agawam High School. The public is always welcome, and information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991.

MEALS ON WHEELS - continued from Page 1...

All complete diets consist of a meat entree, vegetables, fruit, bread, butter, milk, and dessert. According to Mrs. Mercadante, "There is a wide variety of different meals offered. We are limited on the number of casseroles we can serve."

"Our meat selections include chicken, pork, beef, and turkey. Hamburg dishes are also restricted and can only be prepared a few times a month."

The Meals-on-Wheels Program is available to seniors 60 years of age and older who are shut-in and don't have anyone who can cook for them at home.

There are no financial criteria to meet for eligibility. Many of the program members have been referrals. Mrs. Mercadante can assist with any questions.

Richard Mundo, Senior Center executive director, said another important aspect of the Meals-on-Wheels Program is the attention that is given to each elderly subscriber.

He explained, "In many cases, the only person a shut-in may have contact with during the day is their driver. If they don't open the door, a specific routine is followed to ensure the client is all right. There is close contact maintained throughout the system."

Congregate meals are also offered in the Senior Center dining room facility for those who want to "eat out." Reservations are requested and need to be made a day ahead of time.

In this way, cooks know how much food to prepare. A donation of \$1.50 is suggested, but as Mrs. Mercadante said, "People pay what they can and if they can't, we won't let them be hungry."

Special days are celebrated with special meals. For example, on St. Patrick's Day, corned beef and cabbage was featured. Other holidays include Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day.

On September 4th, a Labor Day Gala Picnic is scheduled. It will be the last picnic of the year. A large yellow and white tent will be set up outside, and barbecue chicken will highlight the dinner. Entertainment will follow.

Another popular meal-gathering time is breakfast, which is served from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. A continental fare is offered, including cereal, muffins, toast, coffee, and tea. This program was initiated to help offset losses of federal funding, according to Mundo.

The federally-funded meals programs were initiated in 1965 under President Lyndon Johnson after an earlier study concluded a high percent of the country's elders were malnourished.

Mundo said, "The program crested in 1986 and has steadily decreased since. Last year, the program cost \$149,000."

During that time, 54,000 meals were prepared. Daily donations and civic donations help supplement the federal funding that underwrites this program, added Mundo.



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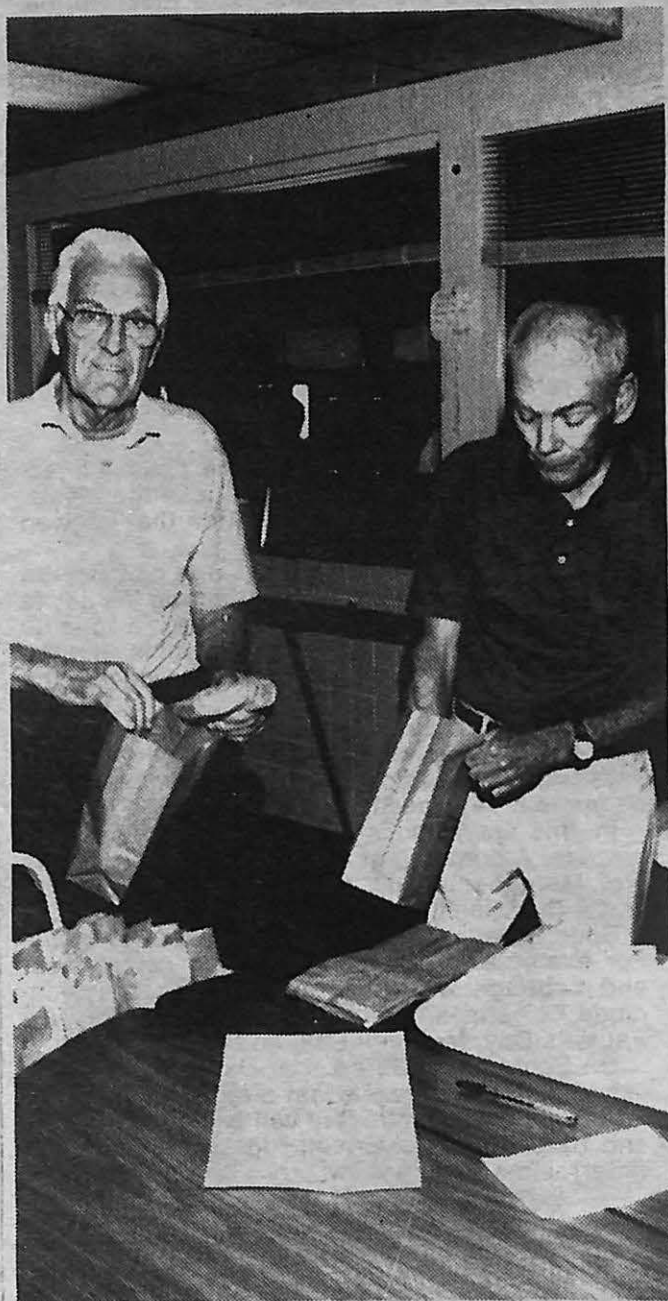
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HELPING TO PREPARE meals for the Meals on Wheels Program at the Agawam Senior Center are George Fontaine and Bob Cram. RELATED STORY & PHOTOS on Pages 1 & 11. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Airplane Enthusiasts To Meet August 18th

The next monthly meeting for Pioneer Valley Branch No. 246, of the Fleet Reserve Association, will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18th, at the Consolidated Club, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, MA.

The recent air show at Westover was great. Watching that big C-5A Galaxy fly around like a piper cub, or the Italian team perform their maneuvers, was hard to believe ... even though you were watching them.

The older planes of the Confederate Air Force (parked across the ramp from the base hanger where our booth was) brought back many old and fond memorable moments.

Branch No. 246 would like to thank all the people that stopped by the booth and said hello. Many said they had sons and daughters in the Navy, and there were youngsters who said my dad or my brother was in the Navy.

Boy, it's sure not like it was when "oldsters" like us were in. We gave out a lot of info. We also had a few takers for the F.R.A.; that's why we were there.

It was an interesting three days.

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Timeless Truth For Today... Olympic Injustice

by Roger Martin, Pastor
Agawam Church of the Bible

If you've watched any Olympic swimming events at all, you've heard the story—the story of the East German women's swim team.

You've heard how they went from no medals in one Olympic year to multiple gold medals in the next, edging out several American swimmers in the process.

You have also heard that their miraculous turnaround was due to something more than their coaching and training. They were taking steroids, under the direction of their coaches and government. They bypassed the rules in order to become "winners."

What is your reaction to that story?

(a) It is unfair that they won their medals by breaking the rules.

(b) The brilliance of their coaches in devising the scheme is impressive.

(c) It is not right that swimmers who obeyed the guidelines were denied the thrill and honor of a gold medal.

(d) Those East German swimmers were winners and I applaud their efforts.

Naturally, our response is something close to (a) or (c). But why does the East German story bother us? Why don't we applaud their integrity to receive the top marks in the world?

Someone may suggest that is because we are Americans and some of our swimmers were the victims of their actions. I don't think so.

What if you learned that Mark Spitz, Matt Biondi, and others had been training with steroids to receive their gold medals ... would you swell with pride or be disappointed, even embarrassed?

But if we are just animals—a chance development in the supposed process of evolution—this sense of justice makes no sense. "Survival of the fittest" should rule: hey, the East German swimmers came out on top, and that's all that matters.

But humans are different. We have a keen sense of fairness, of right and wrong, even when we ourselves break "the rules." We believe there is right and wrong, even if we differ on where to draw the line.

The Bible presents a very logical reason for our sense of justice. Genesis 1:27 reads: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Romans 2:15 adds, "...the requirements of the law are written on their hearts..."

Your sense of justice and fair play is no accident. It is the work of the God who created you in his own image.

And for this reason, you and I are accountable to God for our behavior. Your sense of right and wrong should point you to the God who gave it to you.

Don't leave God out of your life!

Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 10th: Apple juice, American chop suey, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, August 11th: Birthday celebration—salisbury steak, potatoes au-gratin, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, August 12th: Baked chicken breast, summer squash casserole, corn on the cob, Canadian oat bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, August 13th: Boboli (pizza—hamburg, cheese, pepperoni, peppers), cucumber, tomato salad, blueberry crunch.

Friday, August 14th: Baked fish, baked potato, cole slaw, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Congregational Lists Weekly Summer Activities

Join the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, each Sunday morning in August at 8:01 a.m. for "Good Morning, Agawam."

Fears and anxieties are real feelings. Words of peace and comfort of Jesus Christ can bring new hope.

Reverend Fuller will lead the discussion this Sunday, August 9th, entitled "Casting Off the Demons of Depression, Loneliness, and Uselessness."

It will be held in the church's Friendship Room.

The church's summer schedule continues with Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. each week. The summer schedule will continue through September 6th, 1992.

The Wednesday Night Service at Agawam Congregational Church is at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. (Relax, Examine, Listen, Ask, Tell, and Entrust all to God) series following at 8:00 p.m.

Biblical characters are coming alive at the church this August during the Junior Church portion of the 9:30 Sunday service. John Hauser will present "The Sower" this week (August 9th). Children ages three to 12 are encouraged to attend this special program.



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Agawam/West Springfield Chambers Plan Annual Joint Outing For August 18th

An invitation is extended to the public for the Annual Agawam/West Springfield Chambers of Commerce Outing to be held on Tuesday, August 18th.

Open to members and non-members alike, the day-long event will feature door prizes, golf prizes, and a raffle.

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the site of the outing will be Oak Ridge Country Club for some summertime golfing; call Jim Modzelesky at 786-9693 for tee time.

Then, starting at 4:00 p.m., the event will take place at the Elks Club on Morgan Road, West Springfield. Games such as volleyball, badminton, horse shoes, an egg toss, a bean bag & football throw, and a chipping contest will be available for all to participate in.

Hors d'oeuvres will be available at the Elks

Club between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., with free beer, wine, and soda to be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., a steak dinner will conclude the activities.

To partake of both the golf competition and the following outing, the cost is \$72 per person (and this includes the golf cart). For those who are interested in just the outing, the cost is \$32.

Sponsorships are still available for the Oak Ridge tournament for \$50 per tee or green (companies or individuals may sponsor). Proceeds from these sponsorships will benefit each Chamber's Scholarship Program.

For additional information about the outing and how to make your reservations, please contact Jean Falk at the Chamber of Commerce, Greater Springfield, 1350 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01103 (787-1555).



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Donna M. Fogg Bride Of Anthony J. Moccio

Donna Marie Fogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Fogg of Agawam, and Anthony J. Moccio were married recently at Agawam Congregational Church.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Moccio Jr. of Agawam.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Joann Spear. Stephen P. Jackson Jr. served as best man to the bridegroom.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Fitchburg State College. She is employed as center director of The Children's House in Holyoke.

The bridegroom graduated from Agawam High School and Bentley College in Waltham, MA. He is employed as a senior associate with Coopers & Lybrand in Springfield.



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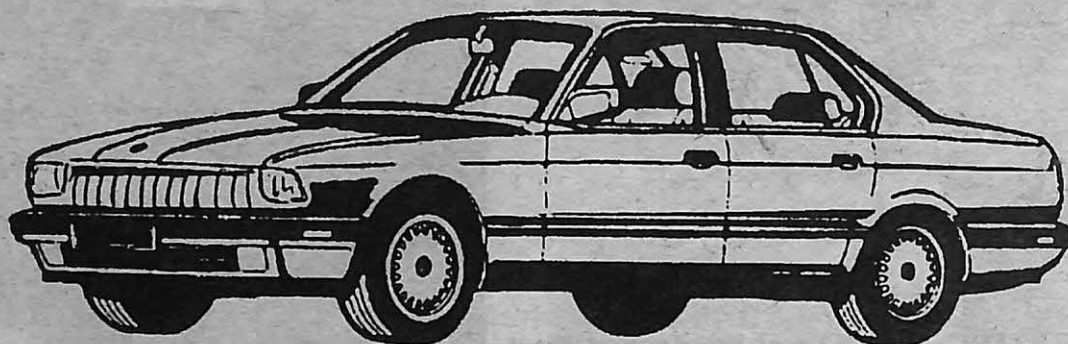
Mr. and Mrs. William Kushin of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Zanett Kushin, to Dennis Robert King, the son of Nancy King and Mr. and Mrs. Robert King of Agawam.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westfield State College. She is employed by the Agawam School System and Agawam Food Mart.

Dennis King is a graduate of Holyoke Community College and served three years in the United States Coast Guard. He is employed at King Ward/Terrien Transportation Company as an operations manager.

An August wedding is planned.

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COLLECTING TICKETS at the door at the Annual Summer Picnic sponsored by the Agawam Golden Age Club are Kay Aldrich, Flory Scorzafava, and Jane Montagna. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Perry Lane Carnival To Benefit Lisa Ziegert Scholarship Fund

Perry Lane Camp will hold its annual carnival on Wednesday, August 12th, at Perry Lane Park, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All types of games, etc., will be on the grounds to test your skills. This carnival is open to the general public.

All proceeds will go to the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Scholarship Fund. Lisa was an outstanding leader at the Perry Lane Camp for several years.

Sacred Heart Plans Parish Picnic For Sunday, August 16th

Save the date now! The Sacred Heart Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The picnic will be held behind the parish center. Rain date is Sunday, August 23rd.

Disc jockey, games and lots of fun for the whole family will help to make this a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon! Plan now to come and join in on the fun.

For further information, please call Alma Benton, 786-9835; Brenda McDade, 786-1545; or Judy Potter, 786-5751.



LOOKING OVER THE GIFT table at the Annual Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I Summer Picnic are, from left - Nellie Organek, Tish Pisano, Marion Binnenkade, and Evelyn O'Melia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ORGANIST MIKE KISIELEWSKI provided the entertainment at the Annual Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I Summer Picnic. Looking on is Dolores Gatti, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AT THE 175TH Annual Hampden County 4-H Fair on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, members of the Manning family participated (photo left) - John, Mary, and Martha. IN PHOTO RIGHT, first place winner Kim Sullivan in the 9-11 girls' category is congratulated by 4-H leaders Sharon Antaya and MaryEllen Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Fantastic 4-Hers Participate In Annual Hampden County 4-H Fair

Members of the Fantastic 4-Hers of Agawam were among over 175 Hampden County youth who participated in the 40th annual Hampden County 4-H Fair.

Held at the Big E, the fair is open to Hampden County kids between the ages of six and 19. The fair featured hall exhibits of artwork, clothing, foods, vegetables; a bicycle rodeo; fun run; clothing revue; horse show; and rocket launch.

Awards were presented in three age groups: Cloverbud, nine and under; Junior, 10-13; Senior, 14-19.

Those local youths receiving awards were:

Amanda Fox, Best Cloverbud clothing exhibit; Christine Gallant, Best Junior clothing exhibit; Kimberly Sullivan, Junior Clothing Revue winner;

Cummings Family Have Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Joel L. Cummings of 58 Alhambra Circle, Agawam, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alexander Lee.

Alexander was born July 30th at the Women & Infants Hospital at Baystate Medical Center. He weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cummings Sr. of 51 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roles of California.

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Laura Tisdell, Best Cloverbud art exhibit; Pia Bertone-Gross, Best Junior art exhibit; Noah Bertone-Gross, Best Senior art exhibit.

In the third annual 4-H Kids Fun Run, there were 80 participants. Local winners were:

Five and under girls: Liz McMullen, first; and Leah Cook, third. Six to eight boys: Ryan Sullivan, first; and Michael Cook, second. Nine to 11 girls: Kimberly Sullivan, first.

Twelve to 15 girls: Cindi Alfano, first. 12 to 15

boys: Noah Bertone-Gross, first.

The fair also featured club exhibits and working demonstrations.

The Fantastic 4-Hers Cloverbud group demonstrated a "Banana Breakfast Drink" to the crowd. Participating were: Matthew Schuh, Danny Kennedy, Chuck Schuh and Ryan Sullivan.

The group is under the leadership of Sharon Antaya, Doris Schuh, Rick and Maryellen Sullivan and Pat Bertone-Gross.

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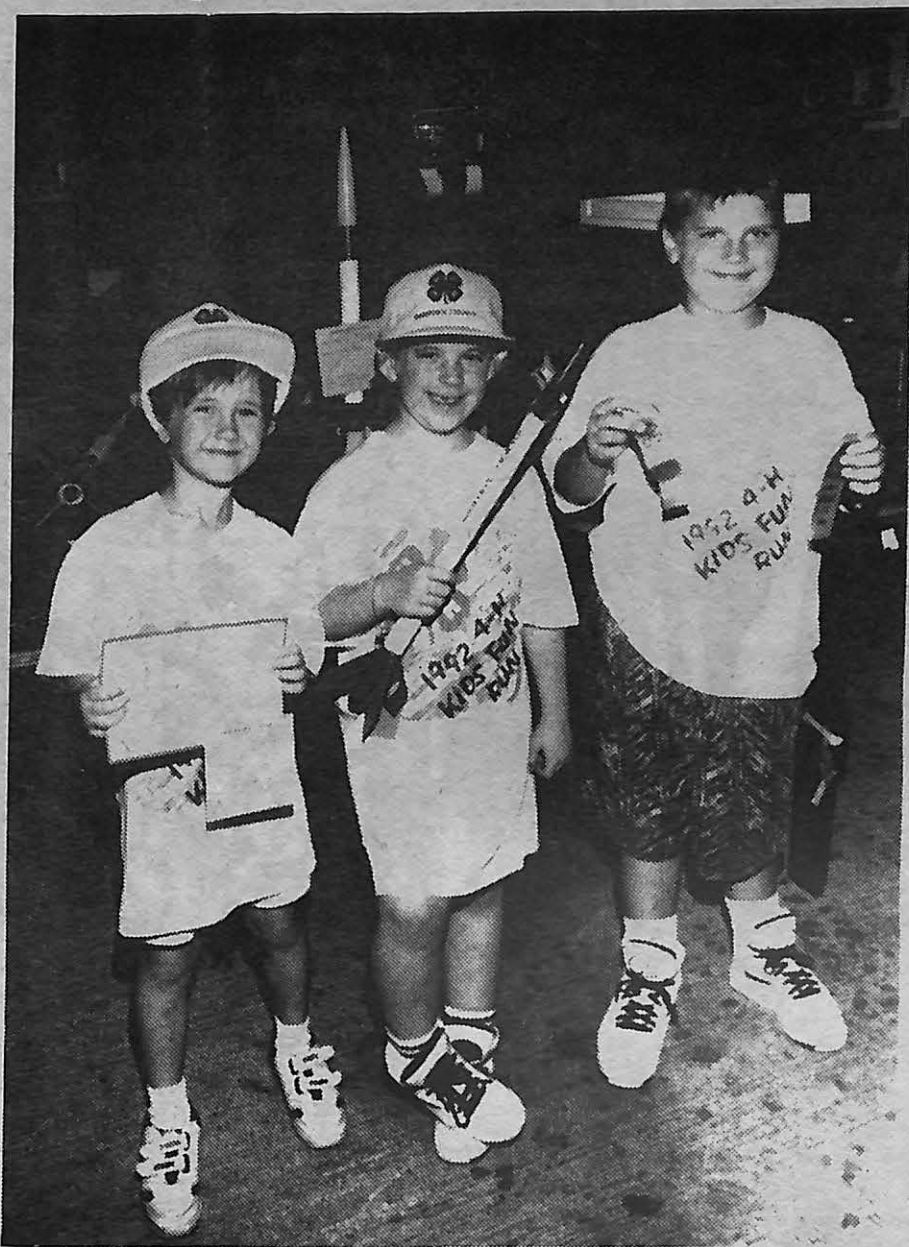


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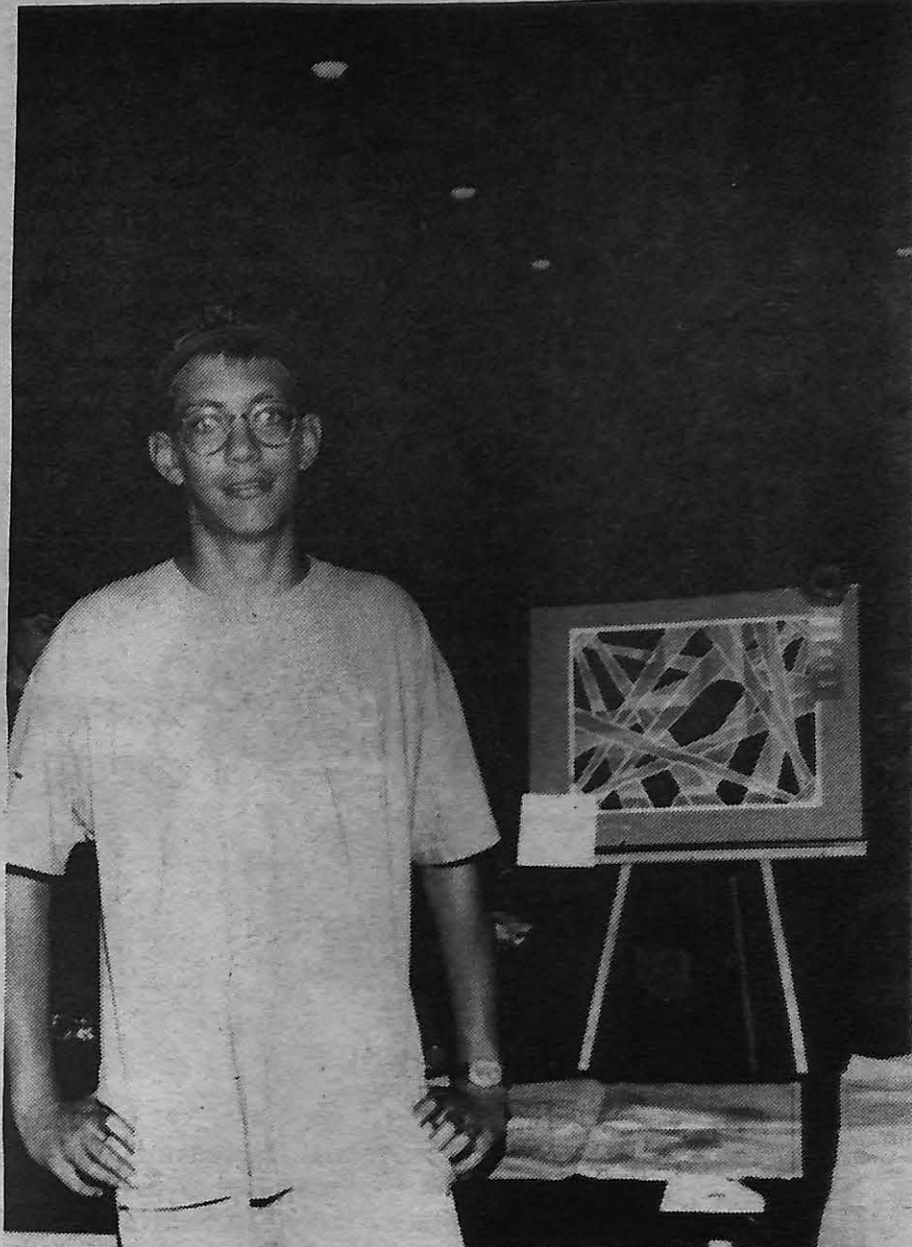
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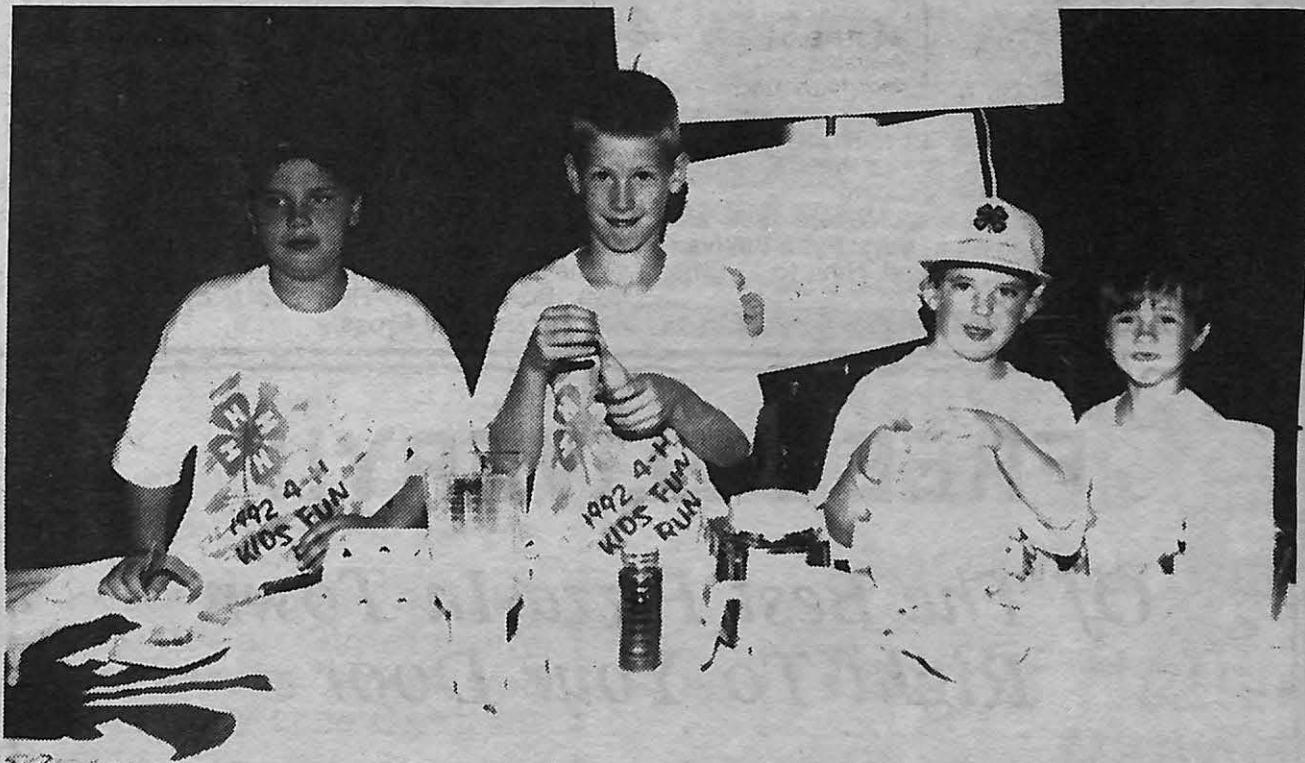
Agawam 4-Hers Excel At Annual County Fair



HOLDING THEIR AWARDS won at the Hampden County 4-H Fair are Agawam 4-Hers Chuckie Schuh, Matthew Schuh, and Danny Kennedy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM 4-H club member Noah Bertone-Gross received accolades for his artwork at the Hampden County 4-H Fair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM 4-H club members making an interesting concoction at the Annual Hampden County 4-H Fair are, from left - Danny Kennedy, Ryan Sullivan, Matthew Schuh, and Chuckie Schuh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nominations Taken For Gallano Award

The members of the Council on Aging's Andrew Gallano Award Committee (Janice Bonk, Louis Scherpa, and Rosalie Walsh) are seeking nominations for this year's award, which will be given at the fourth annual Friends/C.O.A. Banquet that will be held on October 22nd, 1992, at The Oaks in Agawam.

The criteria for the selection of the recipient will include—but not be limited to—the following:

- Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens (of Agawam).
- Advocate for the needs of the elderly citizen.
- Support issues related to the elderly citizen.
- Demonstrate the above in a consistent manner over time.

If you know of a person (any age) who meets the above requirements, please let the Award Committee know.

No specific form is required. However, an application will be mailed upon request, or may be picked-up at the Senior Center.

Please submit nominations no later than September 1st, 1992, to:

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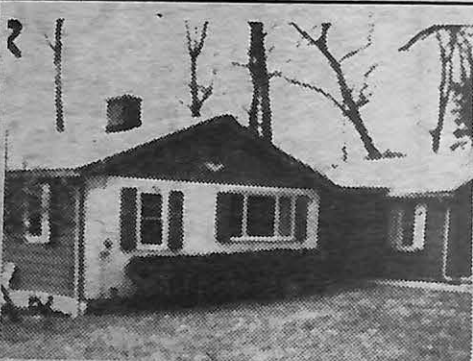
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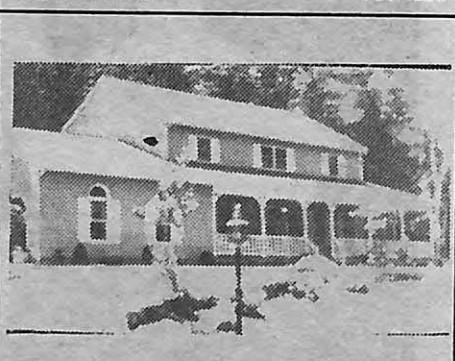
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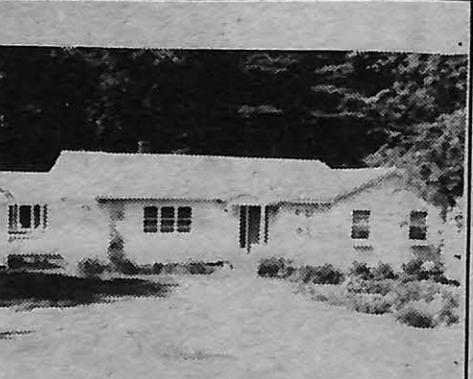
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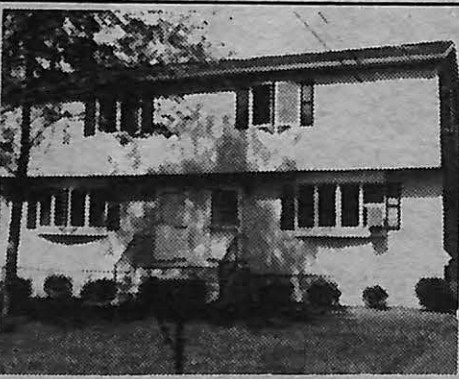
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Large Contingent Of Agawam Senior Citizens Enjoy Much Success At Mass. Senior Games

From June 25th through 27th, the first Massachusetts Senior Games were held at Springfield College, and they were a huge success.

Agawam can be proud because it sent the largest contingent from the smaller cities and towns with 18 athletes (just second behind Springfield with athletes). Ten athletes plus five volunteers represented the Agawam Senior Center.

The opening ceremonies were most impressive, with the lighting of the torch (to start the events) being done by a 91 year-old athlete. Following the opening lighting, there was a parade featuring the participants.

Guest speakers for the opening ceremony were (among many notables) Mayor Robert Markel of Springfield; local sports personality Rolie Jacobs; Bert Hill, coordinator of the Senior Games; and Dick MacPherson, Head Coach of the New England Patriots, who served as Honorary Chairman.

The seniors from Agawam and Feeding Hills brought home 24 medals. They were awarded as follows:

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(Ages 65-69)

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* BOWLING - WOMEN'S SINGLES

(Ages 60-64)

Sandra Smith (424), Silver, Feeding Hills

(Ages 65-69)

Desiree Jacobs (443), Gold, Feeding Hills

* BOWLING - MEN'S DOUBLES

Chester Comins, Silver, Agawam

* GOLF

(Ages 65-69)

Warren Parker (171), Silver, Agawam

* TENNIS - MEN'S SINGLES

(Ages 55-69)

Rudy Altobelli, Gold, Agawam

(Ages 70-74)

Robert Jaynes, Bronze, Agawam

* TENNIS - MEN'S DOUBLES

(Ages 70-74)

Robert Jaynes, Gold, Agawam

* MEN'S TABLE TENNIS

Merwin Kinkade, Bronze, Agawam

Ernest Bouley, Bronze, Agawam

* SHUFFLEBOARD - WOMEN'S SINGLES

(Ages 60-64)

Janice Schermerhorn, Gold, Agawam

Mary Mackey, Silver, Agawam

Violet Presz, Bronze, Feeding Hills

* SHUFFLEBOARD - WOMEN'S SINGLES

(Ages - Over 65)

Janice Bonk, Silver, Feeding Hills

Fern Senecal, Bronze, Agawam

(Ages 75-79)

Fern Senecal, Bronze, Agawam

* SHUFFLEBOARD - WOMEN'S DOUBLES

(Ages 60-64)

Mary Mackay, Gold, Agawam

Violet Presz, Gold, Feeding Hills

Janice Bonk, Silver, Feeding Hills

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* SHUFFLEBOARD - WOMEN'S DOUBLES

(Ages 70-74)

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* SHUFFLEBOARD - MEN'S SINGLES

Carmino Calento, Bronze, Agawam

(Ages 75-79)

Carmino Calento, Silver, Agawam

* WOMEN'S JAVELIN

(Ages 55-59)

Carol Morran (31.9), Gold, Agawam

* WOMEN'S 50 BACKSTROKE

(Ages 55-59)

Carol Moran (1:12.03), Bronze, Agawam

* MEN'S 100 METER FREESTYLE

(Ages 55-59)

Gordon Sellick (1:15.92), Gold, Agawam

* MEN'S SHOTPUT

(Ages 65-69)

Joel Anderson, Gold, Agawam

* MEN'S DISCUS

(Ages 65-69)

Joel Anderson, Gold, Agawam

(It should be noted that the award-winning participants will be eligible for competition in the Nationals to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1993. If you are interested in sponsoring an athlete, please contact Sandra Smith, Activities Director at the Agawam Senior Center, at 786-0400, extension 242.)

Although the Agawam and Feeding Hills athletes distinguished themselves by bringing home all of these medals, that really wasn't the most important part of the event. The experience of competing, volunteering and taking part in the many extra activities can only be described as exhilarating.

Next year, it is hoped that the number of participants will at least double the number sent this year. Sign-ups are already being held for those interested in the 1993 Senior Games, and "playing for fun" will take place this month ("serious training" will take place in the spring of 1993).

This is the time to try a new sport, and you'll receive all the help you'll need to get started. If you're interested, contact Sandra or Janice at the Senior Center (786-0400, extension 242); or, just leave your name and number, and someone will get back to you.

At this time, the Agawam Senior Center would like to recognize those individuals who volunteered during the Senior Games: Frances Gagnier, Lorraine Sowa, Violet & B.J. Presz, and Janice Schermerhorn.

For everyone involved, the first Massachusetts Senior Games has gone down as a memorable, experience that was fun and rewarding, and they hope that next year's competition will hold more of the same!

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HELPING TO ORGANIZE the Agawam Senior Center contingent to the Mass. Senior Games included Janice Schermerhorn, Bert Presz, and Vi Presz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We open at 6:30 a.m.

Speaking From The Bible...

A Test Of Christianity

by Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor
Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Ln., Agawam

Many people today call themselves Christians. Many will tell you that they are children of God. In fact, there are political candidates from both parties (running for President) who claim this to be the case in their lives.

While you might not know either of them, you probably know someone who claims to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ. You may claim to be one yourself.

With all of these people running around claiming to be Christians, my question is how can we tell, or how will we know if what they are claiming is true?

While we can never be 100% sure, there are some indicators, some things that will be true of those who make this claim. There is a test that we can give them that will give a good indication of whether it is just talk, or if it is a reality in their lives.

First of all, those who claim to be Christians will love to say with Paul, "from him through him and to him, are all things; to him be glory forever and ever." Christians love the fact that God is central, the focus of the gospel.

Secondly, they love to make their boast only in the Lord (1 Cor 1:31). They love to tell you God is

the beginning, middle, and end in the matter of salvation.

Thirdly, they love to say that they were **chosen** for the glory of His grace (Ephesians 1:6), and **called** from darkness to light, to declare the wonders of His grace (1 Pet 2:9), and **justified** because Christ died to vindicate the holiness of God's grace (Rom 3:25-26) and they will one day be swallowed up in life and glory (2 Cor. 5:4, Romans 8:30).

This is what the true Christian, the true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, will know to be true in his or her life. If you have claimed to be a Christian, a child of God, and you do not agree with the above statements, you do not delight in the **Grace of God**, maybe it is time to check your heart.

Have you ever made the commitment to Jesus Christ? Have you ever accepted the free gift of salvation given by grace, earned with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? If you have not, then you are not a child of God.

Why not make today the day of your salvation? The Holy Spirit is calling you, drawing you nearer to God. I pray that you would heed that call.

Kelly Family Announces Birth Of Baby Son

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kelly (Lisa Dowling) of Westfield are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ian Michael, on June 19th.

Ian was born at Wesson Women's Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds 4 ounces, and was 22½ inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are John and June Dowling of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Elizabeth Kelly of Amherst and the late Clifford Kelly, Sr.

Monthly Hour Of Prayer At Dominican Nuns

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield on Sunday, August 16th, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon and Benediction.

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Family Entertainment Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering family entertainment with an environmental twist this summer.

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FAMILY STREAM EXPLORATIONS: Three Saturdays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Session 1: August 15th; Session 2: August 29th; Session 3: September 5th.

Cool off on hot summers' days with an afternoon splash in the Laughing Brook. Search in the mud, under rocks, and beneath overhanging banks for small and large stream-dwelling animals.

Come prepared to get your feet wet. Sign up for one or all three sessions. Fees for each of the sessions are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children for Massachusetts Audubon members; \$4 for adults and \$3 for children for non-members.

A DIPPER FULL OF STARS: Friday, August 21st, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A basic introduction to stars, planets, moons and skylore will be followed with an evening of stargazing and a close-up look at Saturn.

Fees for Massachusetts Audubon members are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children; for non-members, \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

For more information on these programs or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, with complete listings for the summer season, call Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 13, 1992, at 7:30 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline to perform work subject to the ACT at 1615 Suffield Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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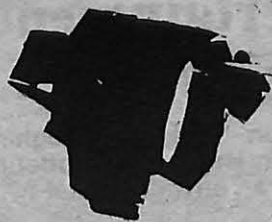
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Spotlight On Business

Partners Expands Menu; Bring Your Entire Family

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Partners Restaurant, 485 Springfield Street, Agawam, offer dining you won't want to miss. Creative chef and owner Mark Tansey has assembled an all-new menu that will please any palate.

Featured breakfast selections include such mouth-watering items as granola French toast, fresh fruit, and an extensive omelette menu that will be hard to choose from.

As Tansey said, "Our menu is one of the most diversified in the area. But we also offer the old standby—ham and eggs. They're probably the best in town."

The luncheon selections are vast and tempting as is their dinner menu, which is served on Friday evenings. Twin lobster and seafood and beef teriyaki are two popular featured entrees. Other items offered include prime rib, surf and turf, Alaskan king crab legs, and several other specials.

One of the things that makes **Partners Restaurant** a special place to eat is Tansey's attention to detail. He uses good food and prepares it right. For example, only real maple syrup is served. Tansey also prepares custom meals for those people with special dietary requirements.

Partners Restaurant specializes in private parties. Reservations can be made for graduation celebrations, wedding showers, and bowling banquets, to name a few. **Partners'** back-room party facilities can accommodate up to 75 people.

While **Partners Restaurant** does not cater, Tansey will prepare pasta, beef, and chicken dishes for your special event. Customers are requested to pick-up those orders.

A new special feature has been added to **Partners**. An outdoor patio dining area is being enjoyed by many patrons and is "a success," according to Tansey.

Tansey took over **Partners Restaurant** in 1985 after graduating from Johnson-Wales Culinary School in Providence, Rhode Island. Presently, he is hosting his own half-hour cable television cooking show entitled "Continental Cuisine."

Tansey said the show will soon be available to town viewers. He added, "We will be taping two shows at the restaurant on August 27th."

In addition to daily specials, **Partners Restaurant** offers discounts to senior citizens and to children under 12 years of age.

Partners Restaurant is open from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday; 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday; and 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sunday.



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS enjoy the outdoor dining featured at **Partners Restaurant**, located at 485 Springfield Street. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose

Feeding Hills
786-5241

Homeowners... Save Big \$\$\$ Now!

I'd like all homeowners to take a few minutes and read this **entire article NOW** on how you can save thousands of dollars on your home mortgage ... and explain to you that the often quoted statement about mortgage refinancing is simply not always true.

Fixed rate mortgages are at their lowest levels in two decades, and I strongly urge you to analyze how you could take advantage of this opportunity.

THE JONES FAMILY

Let's take a look at a typical family in this area. The Jones family have a nice home that they plan on staying in for many years. Three years ago, they took out (or refinanced) a \$100,000, 30-year fixed rate loan with an interest rate of 9 3/4%. Thus, their principal and interest payments are \$860 a month ... and with 27 years left on paying off the loan, they'll pay \$278,640 over the life of the loan.

If this family wanted to refinance at today's 20-year (versus 27 years left in the original loan) interest rate of 8 3/8% with 0 points, and after adding in all closing costs associated with refinancing, the principal and interest payments would be \$870 a month.

Yes, that's \$10 more a month (or only 34 cents a day) ... but now your loan is paid off in just 20 years (not 27 years) ... and your total payments would be \$208,876 over the life of the loan (versus \$278,640) ... a savings of just under \$70,000 ... a reduction of 25% of your payments, which is all interest.

And, there is no new out-of-pocket cost to refinance ... all necessary funds are included in the payments.

THE SMITH FAMILY

Now, let's look at the Smith family ... they too have 27 years left on their original \$100,000, 30-year, fixed rate mortgage at 9 3/4% ... and their payments are \$860 a month for a total of \$278,640 over the life of the loan.

Unfortunately, they cannot afford to pay the extra \$10 a month like the Jones family ... in fact, they're looking to reduce their monthly payment.

If this family wanted to refinance at today's 25 year (versus 27 years left of the original loan), with an interest rate of 8 3/8% with 0 points, and after adding in all closing costs involved with refinancing, the principal and interest payments would be \$806 a month! ... a monthly savings of \$54 ... and your loan is paid off in 25 years.

Not only have you reduced your monthly mortgage payment, you'll save over \$36,000 on your mortgage payments ... and again, no out-of-pocket costs.

HOW WOULD YOU BE AFFECTED?

These are just two examples of how refinancing with less than a 2% difference in rates can save you **BIG MONEY**.

There are many other programs that have rates substantially lower, including adjustable rate mortgages that have rates below 5% (they should be used by families that are planning to move over the next several years), and 15-year mortgages (these will probably save you over \$100,000 on the life of your loan).

What's the bottom line? Well, it appears that rates are bottoming out and—given the fact that it just takes a five-minute phone call to determine if it makes sense for you to refinance—you can't afford not to gather additional information ... if you don't, it could take you years of hard work to make up the plus/minus \$25,000 to \$100,000 mistake you may be making.

WHAT'S MY FIRST STEP?

Take a moment NOW and call a mortgage banker that is a Direct Lender (you don't want to deal with a middle man), and ask him/her to do a comparison between your mortgage situation and the current interest rates available.

If (after examining the results) it makes sense to refinance, take the time necessary to set up an appointment and get the ball rolling. Rates won't stay this low forever ... just ask the many people

that waited too long during the January refinance crunch.

They got greedy ... they thought rates would continue to go down ... instead, they popped back up. They tried to "time the market" ... and failed. Don't let this happen to you!

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Please feel comfortable to call me at 1-800-552-1044, Monday through Friday, between 8-5 ... or at home in Feeding Hills at 786-5241. If I'm not in, I'll call you back as soon as possible.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Financial Planning

by Howard A. Dickstein
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Savings For College - The Sooner The Better (Second Of Two Parts)

In our last column, we discussed the rising cost of a college education, and how families can begin planning to meet those costs.

Despite the availability of scholarships and other forms of financial aid, many families are concerned they won't be able to foot the bill when it's time to send the kids off to college. Saving—and starting as early as possible—is the best way to be able to meet those expenses.

What then becomes a concern is the proper investment. There is no right or wrong way to save—strategies vary depending on the length of time before the money is needed, the investors' tolerance for risk, and the amount of money available.

For the most part, families can be willing to invest in more aggressive vehicles if the children are younger—they can afford more risk if it's several years before the money is needed.

Families should consult their financial planner or other financial professional before selecting investments they feel comfortable with and which match their financial needs.

At the same time, parents should explore the possibility of obtaining scholarships or other forms of financial aid. There are more forms of scholarships and grants available than most people are aware of.

You should consult school officials for information on scholarships available in your areas—they may be able to tell you about community organizations or businesses that have scholarship money available.

There are often civic groups that award scholarships to students who want to study a certain subject or show promise in a certain area. In addition, some corporations will assist with college costs for the children of employees. What's important is to explore every avenue.

It's clear that putting a child through college can be one of the biggest financial commitments you'll encounter. Still, you should keep in mind that there are rewards at the other end—a recent U.S. Census Bureau report shows that in 1984, college graduates had salaries nearly double those earned by high school grads.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 567-1772.

Fran's/Partners Donate \$1,225 To Pietroniro



ON JULY 13TH, Fran's Restaurant and Partners Restaurant held a golf tournament at Crestview Country Club. The event, which was an enormous success, raised \$1,225 to the Michael Pietroniro Trust Fund. From left - Mark Tansey, owner of Partners; Carol Pietroniro and her son, Michael; Sue Hearn, supporter of Pietroniro Trust Fund; and Fran Mulcahy, owner of Fran's Restaurant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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For Your Health

During Summer, Please Be Especially Aware Of Rabies News

by the Agawam Health Department

The word "rabies" strikes terror into the hearts of many. And it shouldn't. There have been no cases of human rabies in Massachusetts since 1934. The last rabid raccoon was reported in 1973, the last rabid cat in 1980.

Due to widespread vaccination of pet dogs, along with improved animal control, this fatal disease in humans has been nearly eradicated. In addition, effective treatment has been developed for people bitten by animals suspected of having rabies.

Why are people so concerned about rabies today? Because, despite its decrease in dogs and humans, certain wildlife species remain reservoirs for this deadly virus.

Raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats are most commonly affected. Rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, rats, mice and other small rodents are rarely affected.

Birds, snakes, turtles, other reptiles and amphibians, and insects do not get rabies. Presently, bats are the only animal affected by rabies in Massachusetts.

In 1982, the mid-Atlantic states started experiencing a major outbreak of rabies in raccoons. First identified in Virginia, this outbreak has steadily moved northward and over 200 cases appeared in Connecticut this year.

The virus is expected to infect raccoons in Massachusetts within the next 12 months, probably first in the western part of the state.

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals. The disease attacks the brain, causing unusual behavior, convulsions, paralysis, and eventually death.

It is transmitted by a bite or scratch from an infected animal. The virus can also be spread if an infected animal's body fluid touches broken skin or the mucous membranes of the body.

The state Division of Animal Health has recently issued the following directives to all communities:

1. The mid-Atlantic raccoon rabies epizootic is expected to appear in Massachusetts early in 1992. Therefore, it is imperative that every traditional method of rabies protection and every related law be in full and complete compliance.

2. You are herewith notified that a danger of rabies outbreak exists. Every dog in your community must be licensed and full certification of rabies vaccination, by a licensed veterinarian, is required.

3. It is strongly recommended that all house cats be vaccinated.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact your local health department, animal control officer or contact the Division of Animal Health at (617) 727-3018, ext. 162 or 165.

Our next article will deal with "What the Public Should Know About Rabies."

"Heart Smart" Cook At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a special "Heart Smart" cooking class on Wednesday, August 19th.

The class will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium and includes dinner and a lecture. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Carmela Kirk, R.N. and Registered Dietician Sarah Ellis will lecture about general wellness and why the chosen menu is heart healthy. The menu includes chilled fruit soup, tossed salad greens, vegetable lasagna, multigrain rolls, chocolate lush, coffee/teas, and sparkling beverages.

The program is offered by Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Dietary Departments. It is designed to help individuals reduce fat and cholesterol levels.

The program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is necessary and payment must be received by August 12th. Checks may be made out and mailed to Noble Hospital, Carmela Kirk, R.N., 115 W. Silver Street, Westfield, MA 01086.

For further information or to register, call Carmela Kirk, R.N. at 568-2811, ext 229.

Free Health Screenings At Agawam VFW

A series of free health screenings for hearing, eyes, and blood pressure will be held on Tuesday, August 18th, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the Agawam VFW, 194 South Street, Agawam.

Physicians recommend everyone to have a hearing test annually. Meanwhile, many eye disorders have no symptoms in the early stages, yet must be detected early to prevent serious vision loss.

And, because high blood pressure has no symptoms, periodic testing is advisable.

*Please remember
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help, call us.*

Maternity Exercise At Baystate Medical Ctr.

A month-long maternity exercise program for new and expectant mothers will be offered at Baystate Medical Center from August 3rd-26th.

The program, which will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Executive Officers Meeting Room.

The exercise program is designed for pregnant women and for those who have recently delivered, and will focus on the muscle groups and systems affected by pregnancy.

Women may join at any time during pregnancy or following their postpartum checkup.

"Benefits may include relief from minor discomforts of pregnancy, such as lower back pain, and an increase in energy and endurance," said program coordinator Convy Stahl.

"It's also a great opportunity for women who have recently delivered to get back their pre-pregnancy shape."

The fee for the maternity exercise program is \$30.

For information or to register, call 784-BABY (2229).

Diabetes Support At BayState Medical Ctr.

Persons with diabetes mellitus could benefit from Baystate Medical Center's monthly diabetes support group to be held August 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Chicopee/Agawam Room, located in the hospital's Centennial building.

"The free support group offers anyone with diabetes mellitus the opportunity to share their concerns and triumphs with others," said Betty Prenosil RN, CDE, group leader.

Family members and friends are also welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Prenosil at 784-4364.

Ag. Medical Center Has Anti-Smoke Class

Attention All Smokers! It is time to quit! Agawam Medical Center offers a successful Smoke Cessation Program to the entire community. This group program is medically supervised to help smokers who want to STOP.

Utilizing the new nicotine patch that everyone is talking about, this program provides strong group support to help smokers "kick the habit for good."

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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Buffy, the Vampire Slayer

When one thinks of Dracula, of vampires and creatures of the night, one also thinks about how to avoid becoming one of their prey.

One wishes for a savior of sorts; however, one never expects that savior to come in the form of a blonde, teenaged bombshell named (of all things) Buffy.

But, Hollywood being Hollywood, this summer we have *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer*, a film that could be described as camp ... that could have been a credible Dracula spoof if it just had a few laughs.

Instead, we have Kristy Swanson as the blonde with a penchant—and aptitude—for slaying vampires, and it just so happens her neighborhood is full of them.

Enter Donald Sutherland, an ageless, bearded stranger in an overcoat whose job for the past few centuries is to seek and find girls like Buffy who have a knack for killing the living dead.

Rutger Hauer is the vampire king, and what he's doing here is anybody's guess.

A sparse 85 minutes long, *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer* falls short of just about everything. It's guaranteed to be just what the bubble gum set can laugh over, but its appeal to just about everyone else is limited.

—Death Becomes Her

Meryl Streep, Goldie Hawn, and Bruce Willis team up in *Death Becomes Her*, a comedy about eternal youth gone awry.

Streep has a strong feel for comedy, as does Hawn, but in this film it's six of one, half a dozen of the other, as truly funny moments mix with sheer stupidity.

Streep is actress Madeline Ashton, a woman obsessed with her looks and waging a losing battle with youth. She's also after everybody else's men.

Hawn is Helen Sharp, a mousy creature, a friend of Ashton, and about to lose her fiancé to this man-eater.



KRISTY SWANSON is Buffy, a high school cheerleader now vampire slayer that falls in love with Pike (Luke Perry).

Willis, in a truly understated role, is the toned-down Doctor Ernest Melville, whose marriage to Ashton and penchant for alcohol have made him shift gears from a career as a surgeon to make-up artist for the dead.

Enter Isabella Rossellini as the mysterious, seductive Lisle, who holds a potion for eternal youth—a potion she's apparently been selling to the stars for years ... with the condition that after 10 years of use, they must make themselves fade from the scene. Her clients, as this film blatantly suggests, have included such late greats as Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley.

Special effects include Miss Streep walking around with her head on backwards (literally), and Miss Hawn with a gaping hole where her abdomen should be.

When it's funny, it's a laugh; when it's not, it's a long walk to the exit. This one's a better bet for HBO.

—Mom and Dad Save the World

Movie viewers need someone to save them from Mom and Dad Save the World, an interplanetary escapade that won't appeal to anyone over the age of five, and even that is questionable.

It's the kind of lunacy that has one set of bumbling parents becoming spaceborne and arriving on a bizarre planet of fumbling and bumbling creatures with a mission: the takeover of planet Earth.

Spare us the lunacy.

Antique Appraisals At West Side's Day House

On Wednesday, August 12th, the Ramapogue Historical Society will be holding antique appraisals at the Day House, 70 Park Street, West Springfield, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to bring their antiques and collectibles in order to learn more about them. The value of such items has been changing rapidly these days in the marketplace, and new record prices are being established each day for furniture, rugs, paintings, and the like.

At the August 12th event, each person will be charged \$3 for the first item that they bring to be appraised, and just \$2 for each additional item. Appraisals such as these will inform you as to the value of what you have, and this information is vital for both insurance purposes and your own satisfaction, and will instruct you on how to care for and/or sell these possessions.

Sandra S. Dudek Participating In Exhibit

Sandra Saitto Dudek of 61 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills is participating in the Annual Juried Exhibition of the International Society of Marine Painters (ISMP).

The exhibit will be held at the Virginia M. McCune Community Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan from July 23rd to September 4th.

According to Jerry McClish, the president of the organization, "This is the oldest society dedicated to the art of marine painting in the United States."

A watercolor, Christmas in July, is one of a series of marine scenes which Sandra has painted depicting the Rockport and Gloucester area.

Sandra, a member of the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council, is also a member of the Academic Artists Association, the Springfield Art League, and numerous other artist's associations.

She has been an award-winning artist and high school art teacher for over 25 years.

Currently, an exhibition of her watercolors, 'Color in Motion: Portrait of a Carousel,' representing the Illions carousel at Riverside Park, is on display at the New England Carousel Museum in Bristol, Connecticut.



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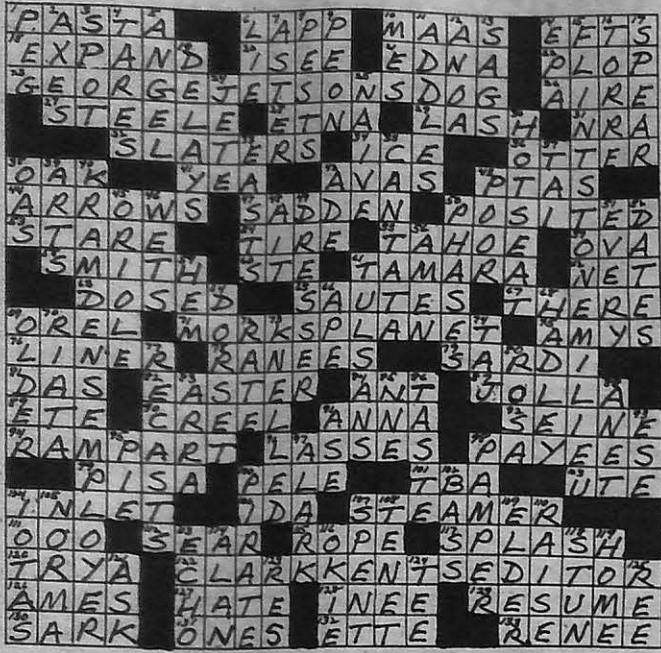
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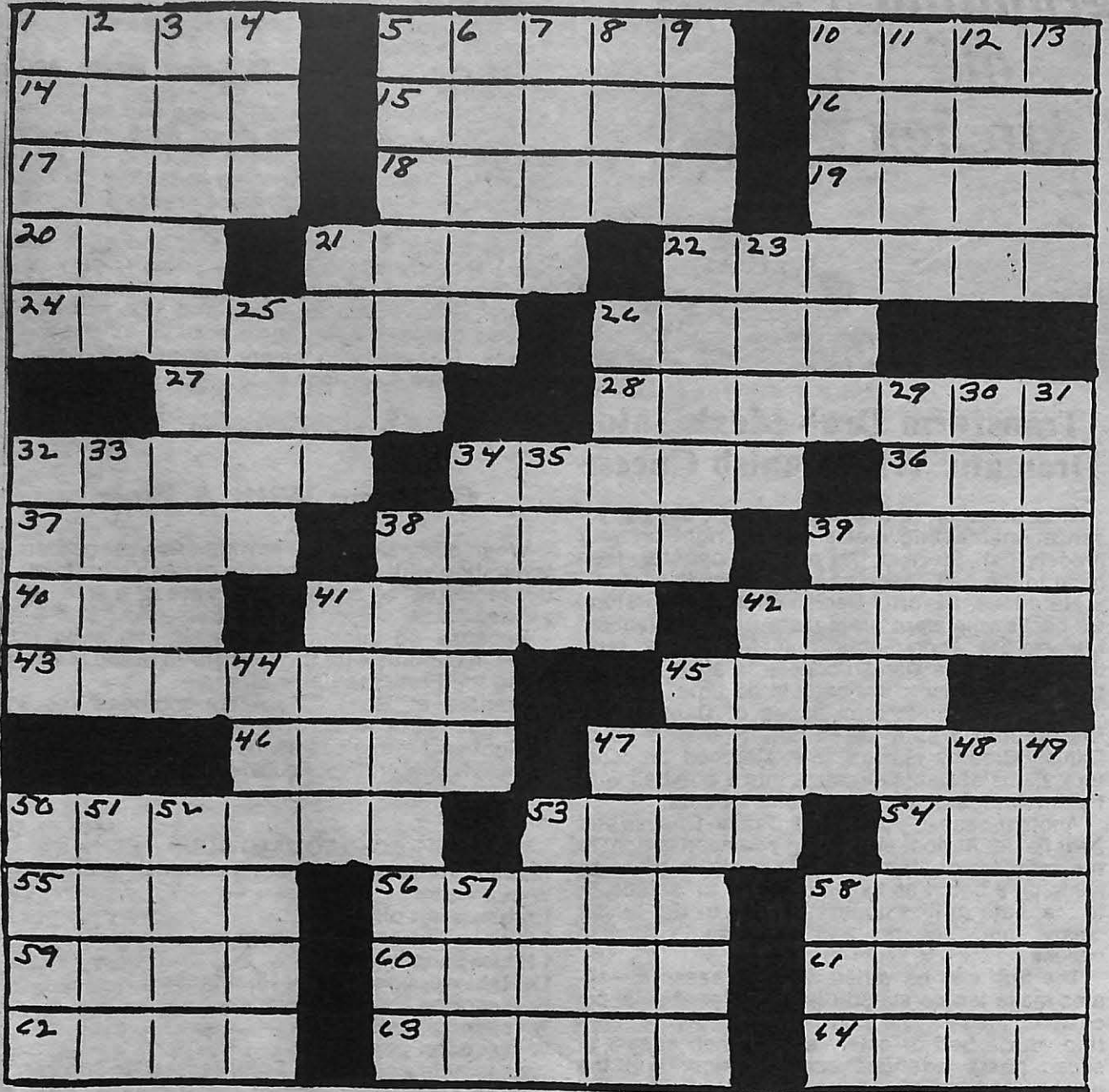
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Polish Club Seeking Vendors For October Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market

Vendor applications are now being made available for a Tag Sale/Flea Market scheduled to take place at the Polish American Club grounds (Rt. 57, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills) on October 11th.

The sale is being sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club, and will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine).


Indoor and outdoor spaces will be available on

a first-pay, first-choice basis. Pre-registration is necessary, and no applications will be accepted after October 3rd.

A fee of \$10 will be charged for a 10-foot space. Larger spaces are available at an additional cost.

For an application or further information, please contact Eleanor at 786-1359, or the Polish American Club's aforementioned address (attention: Tag Sale/Flea Market Committee).

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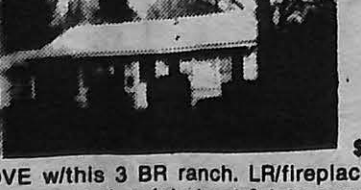








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








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1 tbsp. Dijon-style mustard
 1/2 tsp. finely grated fresh ginger
 3 tbsp. olive oil
 1/4 cup water
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 2 ripe, firm pears
 4 ribs celery, thinly sliced Celery leaves and watercress for garnish

Cut the cheeses into small cubes and set them aside. Whisk together the lemon juice, mustard and ginger. Gradually whisk in the olive oil, then the water. Season the dressing to taste with salt and pepper. The dressing may be refrigerated, in a tightly covered jar, for several days.

Just before serving, peel, core, and slice the pears lengthwise. Arrange the sliced celery on serving plates, then arrange the pear slices on the celery. Drizzle with dressing and top with the cheese cubes, dividing them equally among the salads. Garnish with celery leaves and watercress. Makes 4 servings.

Transform Drab Meals Into Dramatic With Danish Cheese

This summer, the secret to time-saving yet sensational-tasting meals can be right on your grocery list. Start at the produce counter, then head to the deli case and—say cheese!

Nutritious, flavorful Danish cheese is a natural for cooks who want great taste from convenient, ready-to-use ingredients that fit into a busy lifestyle. A little Danish cheese is all it takes to transform drab into dramatic in no time.

Some examples: drop cubes of Danish Blue Cheese into a split baked potato; melt a bit of Danish Creamy Havarti over steamed broccoli; tuck slices of Danish Fontina into a pita half with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, and sprouts.

Another case in point is the Danish Cheese and Pear Salad. Almost everything you need is right in the refrigerator, from the basic citrus dressing (whip up a batch and keep it handy for salads, or to marinate grilled poultry or fish) to the tender celery, juicy pears, and wholesome Danish cheese.

The fruit can be varied with the seasons—apples make a nice substitute—and for special occasions, present the salad on a big platter, starting with a bed of celery slices, then spears of sliced pears arranged spoke-fashion, and the luscious cubes of Danish cheese piled in the center.

DANISH CHEESE AND PEAR SALAD

4 oz. Danish Blue Cheese or Danish Blue Castello
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Cooking With A Flair

When summer is in full swing and your garden is bursting with the abundance of fresh tomatoes, this recipe will be as lovely to the eye as it is to the palate.

Because no cooking is needed, the soup is made in minutes with the KitchenAid Stand Mixer, using the Fruit/Vegetable Strainer.

Prepare at least 3 to 4 hours ahead for a delicious first course. On a hot summer day, it is as light and refreshing as the herbs that are in it. We know you and your guests will enjoy it.

COLD TOMATO SOUP

10 medium tomatoes (about 3 pounds), quartered
 1/4 cup water
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 1 tablespoon honey
 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced
 1/2 teaspoon fresh dill, minced
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Assemble and attach Fruit/Vegetable Strainer. Turn to Speed 4 and strain tomatoes into bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Attach bowl and flat beater. Turn to Speed 2 and mix 30 seconds.

Cover and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Let soup stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with thin slices of cucumber, dill, or basil. Yield: 4 cups.

Popular Radio/TV Personality Dan Yorke To Appear At Red Door Theatre In F.H.

The Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, is proud to present Dan Yorke night, starring the fabulous singing group Le Cabaret, on Friday, August 7th, at 8:00 p.m.

Le Cabaret is a well-known group in the area and is received with enthusiasm wherever they appear. They have a style which adds something very special to their rendition of the Broadway music we all enjoy.

In addition, Dan Yorke, a local television/radio personality, will add his very special kind of talent to the evening.

It is an evening of entertainment you will not want to miss ... August 7th at the Red Door Theatre.

Admission is \$8 per person, and tickets are available at the door. However, reservations may be made by calling 786-2445.

Artists, Artisans Invited To Attend Art League Meeting

Artists and artisans from Agawam and Feeding Hills will meet on Wednesday, August 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library Community Room.

Artists and artisans are reminded to bring examples of their work for "show and tell" night, as well as any interesting information or trade magazines you have to share.

The purpose of this newly-formed league is to allow fellow artists and artisans to come together to share their talents, ideas, experiences (including that of the business world), and network as kindred spirits to learn, teach, and just plain have fun by way of sharing the world of art in its many forms.

Also, one of the goals of the league is to help enrich our community by making available to its members and the public works of original art at affordable prices, and allowing all of us to enjoy the uniqueness, quality, and individuality of our community artists and artisans.

At the present time, the artists and artisans in the league include: Judith Anne Anderson, Patricia Bertone-Gross, Eleanor Bourbonnais, Patricia Brennan-Huba, Thomas Conlin, Sylvia Deliso, Sandra B. Dudek, Bev Jones, Edith Hull LaFrancis, Michele M.A. LaPalme, J.J. McCarthy, Joe M. Potter, Kathi Pickett, Kim Saffer, Derah A. Santini, Beverly Secondo-Wands, Nancy "Rainbow" Shaer, Florida T. Tangocci, John Wiley Jr., and Joseph A. Zaporta.

The mediums of art include: acrylics, oils, pen and inks, relief, intaglio, lithography, stained glass, jewelry, watercolor, pastels, scratchboard, weaving, basketry, printmaking, silk-screen, photography, writing/illustrating.

Anyone interested is welcome to come, visit, or join. If you have any questions, call Bev Secondo-Wands, 786-0138, or Nancy "Rainbow" Shaer, 786-5912.

David C. Gallano Exhibiting Works At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of the work of David C. Gallano, of Agawam, during the month of August.

Mr. Gallano will present an exhibit of mixed media art including acrylics, watercolors, charcoals, and ink sketches of old homes in the Agawam area.

Mr. Gallano is working toward producing a companion volume to Edith LaFrancis' 1973 book, *Agawam*.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

Agawam Canal Company

The Agawam Canal Company never had any intention of sailing boats on the waterway it constructed at Mittineague in 1836; it was strictly a mill canal.

The company incorporated "for the purpose of creating water power and to manufacture machinery," with a capital stock of \$200,000, and to hold real estate not in excess of \$100,000.

A dam was built across the river and a canal constructed on the West Springfield side. A second dam was built later about one-half mile upstream. A narrow wooden bridge—the first crossing of the river at this point—was built from Moore Street, Agawam, to First Street, West Springfield.

In 1839, Wells and Edward Southworth built a paper mill on the canal, operating it by power purchased from the Canal Company.

For further utilization of their water power, the Canal Company built in 1847 a cotton mill which started operation in November 1848. In the 1800's this was producing 100,000 yards per week and employing 300 hands. In 1885 it was closed and dismantled as a cotton mill.

When the Agawam Paper Company was incorporated in 1859, their deed and agreement with the Canal Company called for a water supply equal in amount to 65 horse power but subject to the prior rights of the Southworth Co.

The annual rental for water power was \$400, and with a further agreement for 32 additional horse power should the canal company at any time have it to spare at the rate of \$250 per year.

This agreement was signed by Eliphalet Trask, A.S. Burbank, Chester Crafts, J.B.M. Stebbins, and E. Southworth as directors for the Canal Company. The new paper mill was built east of the present bridge.

The year after Agawam was incorporated, the Canal Company was assessed for 125 acres of land and three houses on the Agawam side of the river. Some of the mill workers built small homes on land in the Patch leased from the Company.

In 1887, the Agawam Paper Company took over all the property and rights of the Canal Company, continuing operations until 1926 when they sold to Strathmore. The canal has been supplying water to the mills for 125 years.

Summer Theatre Review... "Wait Until Dark" At Mt. Holyoke Tent

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Frederick Knott's *Wait Until Dark*, now playing at Mt. Holyoke College Summer Theater, makes a good effort at suspense and terror, but falls short of the stuff truly good thrillers are made of.

Part of the problem lies in the stage play itself, which lent itself far better to the screen version which starred Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, and Richard Crenna.

Here, played in the round, the set creates its own limitations of plot, with a web of words and offstage action that left some viewers confused.

It takes too long to unfold the story and to set up the innocents caught up in murderous intrigue, and the result is restless agitation or boredom.

As the ex-cons Mike Talman and the bogus Sgt. Carlino, Steve Gallion and Rob Barron make a credible effort, but fall short of believability. Their actions, too, are just a bit too slow for reality.

Guest artist Phil Kilbourne is Harry Roat, mastermind of a plot to retrieve drugs hidden in a doll that has fallen into the victims' hands.

Ellen Kaplan is Suzy Hendrix, a newly blind woman who's at the mercy of the killers, as they weave a web of deceit to trick her into disclosing the location of the valuable "doll."

Marlo Hunter is the obnoxious child Gloria, an unwitting pawn in the story since she took the doll home to play with.

As the terror unfolds, it's less than terrifying and often predictable. Familiarity with the storyline shouldn't make that much difference, but it does.

All the action takes place in Suzy's basement apartment, and again—despite a clever set design—it's hard to really imagine being in a basement, given the logistics of this stage. The action takes place within a 24-hour period.

Kaplan is credible as the blind woman, stumbling through her disrupted home, moving from 'blind' trust to suspicion to terror and dismay ... and these devious crooks lead us to believe her husband has betrayed her.

It's a tangled, woven web of lies and deceit, of point and counterpoint. But, for the first time this season, Mt. Holyoke fails to hit the mark.

It's close, but never quite on target.

Best Local News...

Storowton Village Seeking Volunteers

Storowton Village Museum is seeking adult and teenage (ages 14 and up) male and female volunteers to staff its antique reconstructed buildings during The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," September 16th through 27th, 1992.

Also, adult volunteers are being sought to staff Storowton's Gift Shop. All volunteers receive free Big E admission and parking, and 10% off all merchandise in the gift shops.

Storowton Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Prospective volunteers may contact Dennis Picard, Storowton Village Museum program coordinator, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at (413) 787-0136.

Exit Seven Theater To Present *Rumors*

The Exit Seven Summer Theater will present Neil Simon's hilarious comedy *Rumors* on August 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd at the Chestnut Street Theater, Ludlow, MA at 8:00 p.m.

The cast for the production includes: Tracie Danforth, Tim Vecchiarelli, Andrea Koziol, Glenn Dixon, Steve Adams, Sara Berard, and Deanne Forkey.

The director for the production is Jonathan Hebert.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling 781-0266. Tickets are \$7 and \$9 (patron preferred seating).

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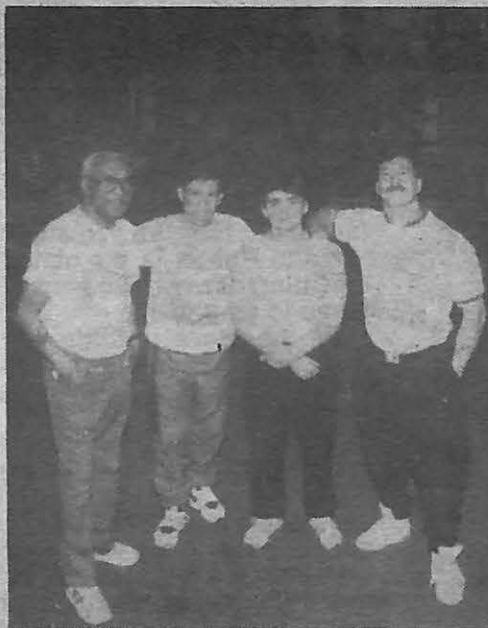
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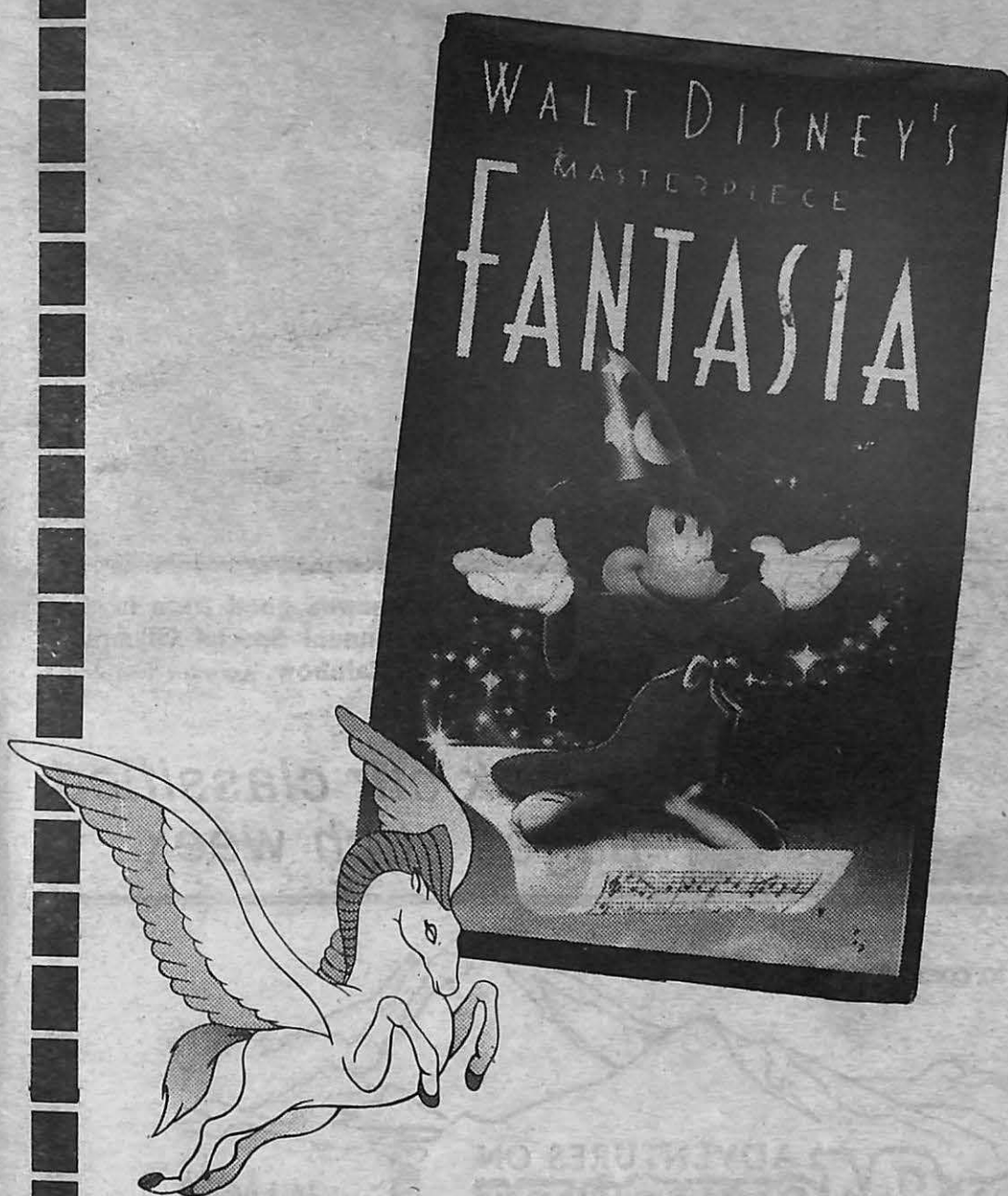
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Camp Rainbow Hosts Annual Special Olympics



CAMP RAINBOW COUNSELORS Karen Stuart (left) and Derek Poole hold a cake designed as a rainbow to honor the Annual Special Olympics held July 29th at the town's special needs summer camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DOUG WALTERS shows good form in the long jump at the Annual Special Olympics sponsored by Camp Rainbow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...Camp Rainbow Special Olympians Shannon Reopel, Lina Capaccio, and Renate Klush prepare to run a race on July 29th. The town's special needs summer camp holds its Special Olympics at the Agawam High School track. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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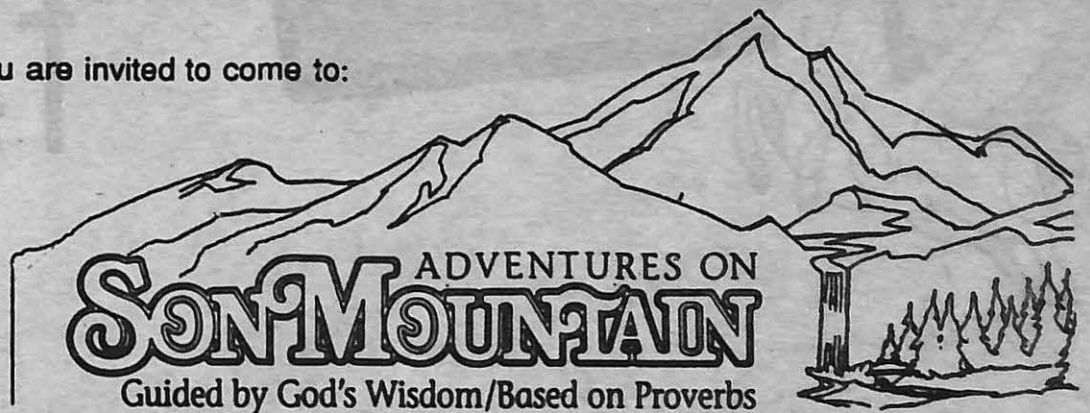
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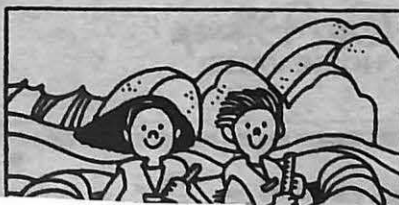
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CAMP RAINBOW SPECIAL OLYMPIAN Peter Kingsley heaves a softball at Agawam High School on July 29th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Matthew T. McLean On College Dean's List

Matthew T. McLean of 102 Lealand Avenue, Agawam has been named to the Dean's list at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut for the spring 1992 semester.



MEDAL WINNERS from Camp Rainbow's Annual Special Olympics, held July 29th at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOHN & JOE CONTE of Feeding Hills volunteered their services to be the head chefs at the Annual Special Olympics sponsored by the town's special needs summer camp, Camp Rainbow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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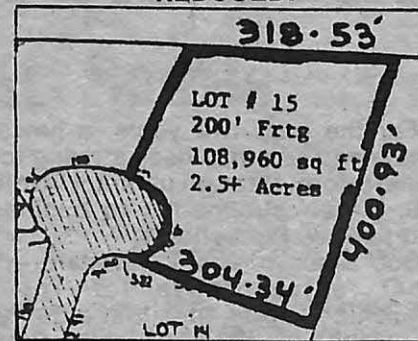
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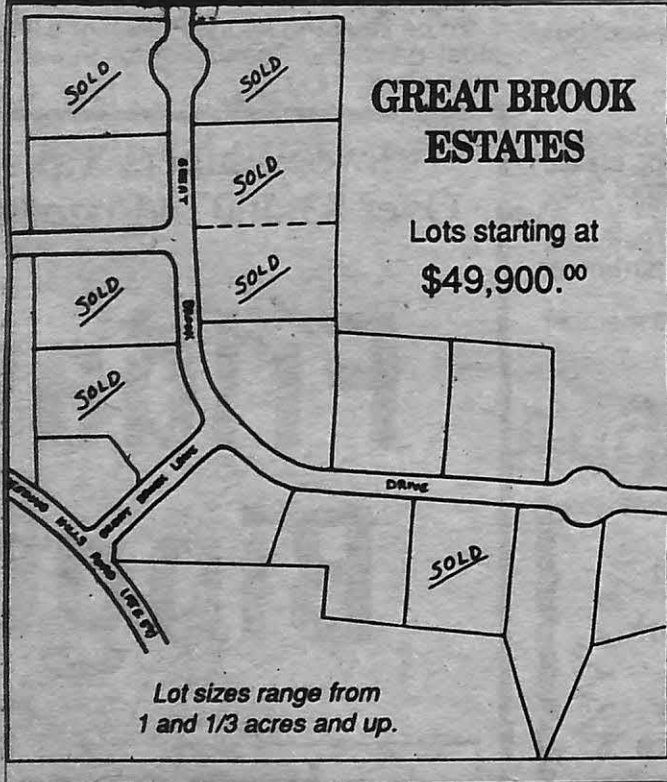
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Education Today Newsletter May Be Distributed In Agawam Schools

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

For the past two years, a newsletter entitled *Education Today* has been striving to create educational reform through parental involvement by providing their publication to business employees and partnership schools.

Bob Block of **Block Jewelers** in Agawam is a local representative for The Educational Publishing Group, Inc., that puts out the newsletter which is published eight times during the school year (including May-June, August-September, and November-December combined issues).

Block is currently working with three major companies in Massachusetts to see if the newsletter can be distributed to Agawam, Springfield, and other local schools soon.

He said, "There is interest, but no confirmation as yet. We think it is very important to involve business in education and one way is by reaching out, buying the publication, and distributing it to their employees who are parents."

New England Electric Company has entered into a partnership with Florence School in Northampton. An information packet is sent out to the interested corporations and letters include information provided to the corporation's human resource departments. Corporate rates vary. (Corporations providing a partnership school are eligible for volume discounts).

Block said, "Companies can call 1-800-927-6006 (toll free) in Boston with any questions or interest in receiving the eight-page brochure. The price is \$14.95 per year for parents directly receiving the publication to their home."

He noted, "We are A-political when it comes to education. We are only trying to inform parents when it comes to the day to day relevant issues and practices of education. We try to ease the burden of parents' responsibilities in supporting their child's education."

Block added, "School Committee members Louise David and Susan Pettazoni have been our biggest allies in Agawam. Both have been very supportive in trying to get Agawam more involved with the newsletter."

Publisher John Carson's idea, according to Block, was to develop a brochure geared toward "an overlooked constituency in education; namely, parents."

The EPG's Board of Advisors are people Carson

has been in contact with over the years through other ventures. "They are part of his network, and each contributes in some way to the publication," said Block.

Alvin Poussaint, M.D., an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School who provides information on child psychology, was the consultant to the Cosby Show through its eight or nine years on T.V. and Donald Cutler, Jr., founder of the Freedom From Chemical Dependency Foundation has been quoted on chemical dependency in the brochure, as well.

Block added, "Former U.S. Senator Paul Tsongas is also an important member of the Advisory Board of the EPG and has been involved since the beginning. Among the professors of Columbia, Yale and Lowell Universities, these are members we are very proud of."

Background information pertinent to the editorial mission of The EPG is the 91% factor. Block explained that 91% of a child's time is spent at home and only 9% in school, making it so important for parents to be involved in the child's education.

According to an explanation of the editorial mission, the tone of *Education Today* is friendly, practical, succinct, and formatted to be a "quick read." Block said, "We offer perspectives to working parents who find it difficult to spend quality time with their children and we deal with sensitive subjects such as condoms (March, 1992 issue)."

He noted, "As long as parents are not involved, there can never be the kind of reform the legislation is looking for." EPG states they will not become involved in the politics of education; but rather, they intend to improve the level of informed involvement.

Block added, "We hope to have a college savings booklet in our September issue. The content of the brochure can be broken down into three sections.

About 60% is self-help or how-to, labeled the 'Nuts & Bolts'; 20% is 'Features,' educating readers on the educational issues and standards; and 20% is 'Transitions,' which focuses on transition years, especially college application and financing issues."

A new math and science insert was added to the last four issues since March, 1992.

First-Time Bus Riders Invited To Annual School Safety Bus Tour On August 21st

Calling all parents of new kindergarten students or first-time bus riders! Are your children familiar with safe bus procedures?

Come to the Annual School Safety Bus Tour, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Police Department, on Friday, August 21st.

Safety Officer Sergeant Alfred Longhi and the "Safety Bug" will be on hand to talk to your children and acquaint them with the rules of safe bus riding.

The program will run at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. Then, your children will ride around the

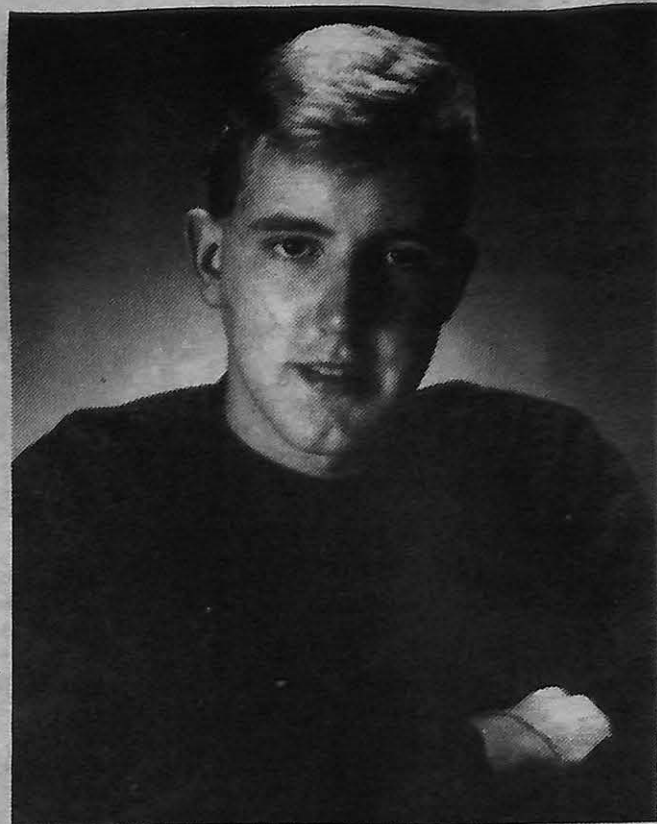
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Advance registration is necessary. Sign-up sheets are available at the library.

For your peace of mind and less apprehension for your children on the first day of school, please bring your first-time bus riders to the School Safety Bus Tour.

Any questions about the tour, contact Sergeant Longhi at the Agawam Police Department, 786-4767.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and GFWCM.



SCOTT RUSSELL

Scott Russell Attains Dean's List Status

Scott Russell of Agawam recently attained the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Scott graduated from Agawam High School in 1991. During his senior year at Agawam High, he was the president of the National Honor Society, the co-captain of the swim team, and won the Rensselaer Medal and the Civitan Award.

In his first year at Rensselaer, he was elected class representative and joined the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Scott is majoring in mechanical engineering at Rensselaer.

Local Students Attain Framingham Honors

The following Framingham State College students were named to either the Dean's list or the President's list for the Spring 1992 semester.

Dean's List: Kristin L. Heyman, '93, Psychology Major, of Agawam; Diana M. Bortolussi, '94, Sociology Major, of Feeding Hills. President's list: Kristin L. Heyman, '93, Psychology Major, of Agawam.

To be selected for the Dean's list, a student must earn a Quality Point Average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25 or higher.

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Sports

Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball...

202 Liquors Bomb Public Market To Hit Semis

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In definitely one of the loudest and best-attended nights of the Agawam Slo-Pitch Softball Season, 202 Liquors bombed rival Feeding Hills Public Market 21-5 in the nightcap of a double-header to advance to the semi-finals.

In the best-of-three series, 202 Liquors dispatched Public Market 17-5 in six innings of the opener, and also won the second game in a six-inning contest.

202 found a way to score in every inning along the way in the feature game—they parlayed 16 hits and nine walks into the blowout victory.

Interestingly enough, this game had several moments where Feeding Hills Public Market had a shot to get back into it. But they were denied, sometimes shooting themselves in the foot in the process.

202 were the visitors in Game 2 and they capitalized on a two-out, bases-empty error by the first baseman (who booted Vin Cremonti's grounder).

Walks to Mike LaRiviere and Rob Coelln set up Jeff Jeannotte (3-3, HR, 2 BB, 5 RBI) for a line drive, two-run single for the early lead.

Joe Lombardi slammed a solo homer with two outs in the Public Market first inning to slice the lead in half.

Two throwing errors by the Public Market shortstop, along with an errant toss from the outfield, set up three 202 runs in the second. And Jim Montemayor, Dan Gordon, and Rob James (3 hits, 3 RBI) all contributed RBI hits.

202 Keeps Public Market At Bay

202 held Public Market off the scoreboard in the second and came up in the third looking to put some room between themselves and their opponent. It looked like they might really get some breathing room before Public Market got a snappy double play to take 202 out of a potential big inning.

Coelln singled and Jeannotte walked to set the table, and Joe Ferrell singled home Coelln, sending Jeannotte to third.

Jon Kelley rapped a hot shot to third which was snagged nicely and thrown across the diamond. Jeannotte broke for home and the first baseman gunned him down with a perfect throw. Jeannotte didn't think so, but he was history.

202 seemed to try everything to erase their lead at this point, as their outfield absolutely fell apart in the bottom of the third. Jay Avezzie led with a little infield hit to short, and he went to second when the ball was thrown away.

Danny Trimboli lofted a can of corn to left, but the ball was dropped and Avezzie scored to cut the lead to 6-2. After a flyout, Eric Jerrold singled home Trimboli and it was 6-3. Jerrold got ram-bunctious and tried to sneak into second, but he was thrown out for a very important out.

Darin Clark followed with a hump-back liner to right-centerfield which was misplayed for a four-base error. Clark's run cut the deficit to 6-4.

Lombardi followed with a high fly to left-center that was also misplayed, and it fell behind the fielder for a double. Alertly, the left-centerfielder

picked it up near the fence and was able to participate in the three-man relay team that nipped Lombardi, trying for third.

He was out by a mile. Three outfield miscues were easily offset by two baserunning gaffes, but Public Market had cut the lead to 6-4.

202 Hits The Gas

That's when 202 hit the gas again. They had a five-run fourth that took a lot of steam out of the Public Market comeback attempt.

A one-out walk preceded a flyball triple to Rob James over a shallow playing outfield. The next batter, Vin Cremonti, hit a popup into short rightfield which was dropped for a three-base error. LaRiviere hit a sacrifice fly, making it 9-4.

Coelln followed with a base hit. Jeannotte cleaned the bases again with a line drive homer to left-center that cleared the fence by plenty.

Public Market scored in the fourth on Rob Longo's sacrifice fly. It was 11-5 entering the fifth.

In that inning, a two-out RBI single by Cremonti to left resulted in two runs when the left-centerfielder threw the ball away past the backstop. It was 13-5.

The sixth inning was just one big walkfest as two Public Market pitchers walked the first four hitters (five in the inning). 202 picked up RBI hits by Gordon, James, LaRiviere, and Jeannotte along the way to their eight-run explosion that sealed the game (and the series).

At presstime, 202 was awaiting their series with the winner of the Scoreboard and Ballse.

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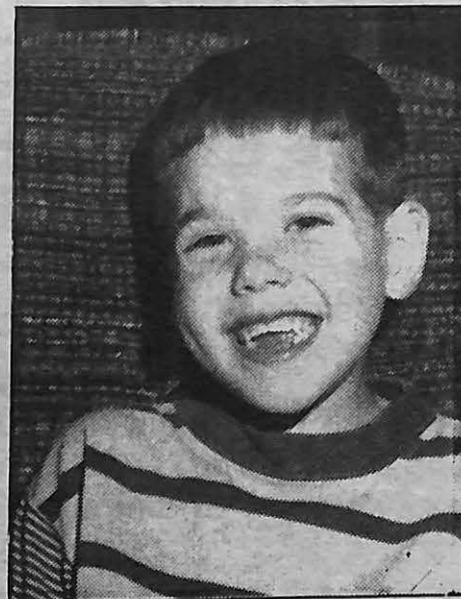
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Tri-County Baseball...

Agawam Auto School Finishes In First; Awaiting Start Of Playoff Opener

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Though the ballgame was a 12-0 yawner, just about everybody that attended the regular season Tri-County League finale between the Agawam Auto School and Chicopee Falls Tigers felt good about themselves.

The Auto School has earned a first-round bye for the upcoming playoffs and will begin second-round action on either Thursday or Friday night at Agawam High School.

The Auto School led the ballgame from wire to wire. But this was no ordinary ballgame. It was a benefit event held for little six year-old Mike Pietroniro, and the little guy had the time of his life.

Lying in the grass behind the backstop with his dad, Mike proudly sported his brand new Auto School hat, and his family and friends wore smiles all day long. It has been well-documented in Agawam about Mike's medical difficulties that have caused this young child to live a most extraordinary life in the early going.

Facing medical treatment that is experimental in nature to correct problems that are baffling doctors, various Agawam area merchants and private citizens have come together to attempt to raise the money for the procedure. This ballgame raised in the neighborhood of \$500 for the family.

The Auto School didn't disappoint on the scoreboard either, as they pounded a listless Tiger team that lost earlier in the day to St. Joseph's at Thorndike. Entering the day, Chicopee Falls had a mathematical chance to catch Agawam and tie them for the Southern Division title.

Chicopee Falls had an early lead against St. Joe's, but surrendered it in the late innings and fell by a 4-3 count. That made the game against Agawam academic.

Boo Smith, Agawam's coach, responded with a four-man pitching staff and they spread the wealth to the tune of a four-hit shutout.

Jim Walker took the hill first and threw two innings of one-hit ball. Jeff Spanswick pitched the third and fourth innings and didn't allow a baserunner.

Tim Doyle went back to the mound after a stint on the disabled list. He pitched two innings of shutout ball, and Ron Viens mopped up by getting the side in order in the seventh.

Agawam's "Offensive Party"

Meanwhile, Agawam had an offensive party as they slapped 13 hits around Agawam High School's baseball field. The locals parlayed those hits and a handful of walks into 12 runs.

The runs came in bunches like bananas as they scored three times in the second, five times in the fourth, and four more times in the fifth. Brian Doyle's two-run single in the second started the scoring, and Jason Wooley's ground out scored the third run of the inning.

In the fourth, Alan Boucher's gorgeous push bunt up the third base line ignited the five-run explosion. Boucher was batting with two down and nobody on, but the Auto School woke up immediately.

First, little Tim Sheehan lambasted a high-rising triple to leftfield to plate Boucher. Wooley walked and Shawn Smith singled to center for the 5-0 lead. A passed ball moved Wooley's fast feet across the plate.

Smith was in the process of stealing second on the pitch. Ray Burgess bounded an RBI single into center for the seventh run. And, John Henneberry capped the inning with a sturdy single to left. It was 8-0 after four.

The fifth inning saw more of the same as Boucher singled to left with one out and Sheehan walked. Wooley blooped a double on the rightfield line.

After Smith whiffed, Gene McDonnell walked, setting up Bob Altobelli. The muscular one drilled a three-run double to the fence in right-center for the huge 12-0 lead.

It was the 20th victory on the season for Agawam, but the most important number was the BIG NO. 1 that was on the back of Mike Pietroniro's new Auto School shirt.

It was a day for number 1's: the Auto School and Mike Pietroniro.

Westfield Under-14 Plan Soccer Tryouts

During the week of August 10th, tryouts will be held for athletes wishing to join a Westfield Under-14 fall soccer team.

Please call 562-5625 for more information.

Agawam AA Piranhas In WMass Swim Meet

The Agawam AA Piranhas participated with 14 other teams in the Western Mass Summer Swim League Championships held July 25th and 26th at Look Park in Northampton.

Individuals placing first through sixth received trophies; those placing seventh through 12th received ribbons. Trophies were awarded to team members placing third or higher in relay events.

The Agawam team is proud of the following accomplishments:

8 Year-Olds & Under:

Ryan Sullivan, fourth in 100 yard individual medley.

Joseph Santaniello, 11th in 25 yard freestyle.

Ryan Sullivan, third in 50 yard freestyle.

Brian McGuire, seventh in 25 yard backstroke.

The team of Ryan Sullivan, Joseph Santaniello, Matthew Schuh, and Adam Rovithis placed third in boys' 100 yard freestyle relay.

Hilary Golas, eighth, and Kyleigh Egan, 12th in 100 yard individual medley.

Amanda Fox, second, Hilary Golas, fifth, and Kyleigh Egan, sixth in 25 yard freestyle.

Amanda Fox, fourth, and Lauren Gaffney, 10th in 50 yard freestyle.

Christine Climo, 12th in 25 yard breaststroke.

The girls' 100 yard freestyle relay team of Amanda Fox, Hilary Golas, Christina Climo, and Kyleigh Egan placed first.

9-10 Year-Olds:

Michael Grant, second, Jeffrey Rivkin, fourth, and Thomas Casiello, 12th in 100 yard individual medley.

Thomas Casiello, fifth in 50 yard freestyle.

Jeffrey Rivkin, fourth in 50 yard butterfly.

Michael Grant, third in 50 yard freestyle.

Kimberly Sullivan, third in 50 yard freestyle.

Jessica Jensen, third in 50 yard backstroke.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 100 yard freestyle.

11-12 Year-Olds:

Matt Slattery, third, and James Crowley, 11th in 200 yard individual medley.

Matt Slattery, second in 50 yard freestyle.

James Crowley, 11th in 50 yard butterfly.

Brendan Kilrain, eighth in 50 yard breaststroke.

The freestyle relay team of Matt Slattery, Chris Gaffney, David Thomas, and Brendan Kilrain placed third.

13-14 Year-Olds:

Michael Robinson, sixth in 200 yard freestyle.

Jonathan David, 12th in 200 yard individual medley.

Michael Robinson, ninth in 100 yard freestyle.

Nicholas Graham, 12th in 100 yard backstroke.

Rachel Niemiec, sixth in 50 yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, seventh in 100 yard backstroke.

15-18 Year-Olds:

Jessica Crowley, 10th in 200 yard individual medley.

Jessica Crowley, eighth in 100 yard butterfly.

The team extends a special thanks to Swim Commissioner Steven Fox and Coaches Robin Nedjorka and Michelle Wheeler for a successful season.

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Ag. Men's Softball... Ag. Spirit Shoppe Ousts Scoreboard

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam Spirit Shoppe did just enough early hitting to outlast sluggish Scoreboard to win the ballgame 10-3, and win the best of three B National Slo Pitch softball series by a 2-1 margin.

Agawam Spirit Shoppe got a one-out, off-field, inside-the-park homer in the first inning from Scott Karam. The Scoreboard rightfielder broke in a step on the tailing line drive, and the ball airmailed him and rolled to the fans.

Meanwhile, Scoreboard saw their first five hitters come to the plate and make outs, as they couldn't get it going early. Gary Sliech and Andy Stevens smacked consecutive two-out singles in the top of the second. But Steve DePalma's solid liner was handled by the Spirit Shoppe first baseman.

Spirit Shoppe opened it up to a 4-0 advantage in the second when Tim Ayre walked and Ron Morgan plunked a base hit into right-center. The ball was kicked around and Ayre came all the way around to score.

Steve Grenier singled and Mike Chausse hit a sacrifice fly to right for a 3-0 bulge. Dan Giordano completed the rally with a single to rightfield for the fourth run.

Scoreboard went in order again in the third, and Spirit Shoppe made them pay as Scott Josephson led with a single. He scored when Karam again went opposite field with a spinning shot that eluded the rightfielder on the line.

This time it was good for an RBI triple, and he walked home himself when Jim Egan lofted a sacrifice fly for a 6-0 lead.

Scoreboard's Vallant Try

Scoreboard tried to come back furiously for the rest of the game, but they couldn't get the big hit when they needed it. Al Bouley singled with one out in the fourth, and he came around when Rich Buteau and Max Standafer rapped singles.

Standafer's hit seemed to get Scoreboard right back into the game, but Buteau got caught rounding second and Spirit Shoppe alertly gunned him down.

In the fifth, Scoreboard got within 6-2. Sliech reached on an error (leading off) and was quickly erased on a fielder's choice. DePalma crushed a double over the rightfielder's head, and Jack Pinkerman brought home the run with a sacrifice fly.

Spirit Shoppe immediately got that run back when John Calabrese walked with two outs and scored on Scott Negrucci's triple to left-centerfield. Scoreboard might have gotten a little boost when their shortstop committed highway robbery on Ayre's wicked liner to the hole (a fine backhand stab to end the inning).

Gary Guidetti tried to breathe a little more life into his Scoreboard team when he drilled a triple to the centerfield fence in the sixth. Chuck Mickey skied to center to plate Guidetti, but that was all she wrote for Scoreboard.

Spirit Shoppe ended any doubt when they scored three times in their sixth on a Dennis Punch fielder's choice, a Josephson single, and a double error on the rightfielder and the second baseman.

Scoreboard hit some shots in the seventh. The first two were right at the third sacker who made two reactionary catches—one above his head and another at the knees.

For Scoreboard, there will be no August, and for the top-seeded Spirit Shoppe, they earned themselves a bye into the Finals of the B National Championships.

Ag. Men's Softball... Scoreboard, Bucs Off To Wet Start

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Even Noah might have had trouble surviving this one.

The Scoreboard Lounge and the Buccaneer attempted to get their best two of three playoff underway, but by game's end, conditions might have been better suited for a boat show.

With Scoreboard leading 8-2 in the bottom half of the fourth inning, the heavens and the earth became one, and the rain came down in torrential fashion for almost an hour.

This might have saved the Buccaneer's season because Scoreboard was doing a little dance early with a six-run first inning. And the Buc couldn't get their bats working at all.

In the top of the first, Paul Stepanion laced a drive down the rightfield line for Buccaneer. But that ball was caught at the shoetops and two runners were stranded.

That hurt because Scoreboard came to the plate and commenced to pound the rock all over the lot. Rich Bienia's one-out single to center was thrown away twice and ultimately scored Jeff Nash, who had led-off the inning with a single. Chip Bienia singled home Rich and that was followed by baseknocks from Jeff Daly and Mike Fiala for another run.

Bruce Flynn roped a two-run single to right. He came all the way around on the play when the ball went through the outfielder. It was 6-0 quicker than you could blink an eye.

Buc couldn't dent the board in the second, either. And Scoreboard tacked on a couple more when it was their turn to hit. It was the Bienia boys again who did the damage, as Rich singled home one run and Chip chipped in with a sacrifice fly.

Buc picked up two unearned runs in the third as the third baseman and shortstop for Scoreboard made consecutive errors to open the door. Mike Humiston singled in one run, and Tim Mulcahey lofted a run-scoring flyball for the second.

As the clouds began their rapid descent, and with the angels bowling several strings apiece overhead, the lightning bolts began to light up the twilight sky.

It seemed as if nobody wanted to elevate that aluminium stick as the next two innings just raced by without much hitting at all. Everybody was swinging at the first pitch!

Finally, with cumulo nimbus clouds at about head high, and replicas of the San Diego Charger helmets coming at regular intervals, the game was suspended and the rains came down and washed away that it'sy bitsy spider ... and postponed the ballgame to another day.

BayWest Hockey Plans August 19th Sign-Ups

The West Springfield/Agawam Hockey Association (BayWest) will hold its annual registration for Youth Hockey, ages 15 and under, on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the West Springfield Municipal Office Building, Central Street, West Springfield.

Used equipment will be on sale, along with Baywest logo items. Contact Jim Noyes regarding equipment sale (732-3743).

A non-returnable copy of child's birth certificate is required, as well as a check to cover registration fees.

For more information, call Paul Flaherty at 739-2080.

Agawam High Sports Set Practice Dates; Physicals August 19

Due to school beginning before Labor Day this year, the M.I.A.A. has altered starting dates. Agawam High School's pre-season schedule is as follows:

August 25th: Football - NO CONTACT
August 26th: Football - NO CONTACT
August 27th: Football - NO CONTACT
August 28th: ALL SPORTS - Double Session; Football - Contact
August 29th: All Sports - Double Sessions
August 30th: Sunday - NO PRACTICES
August 31st: All Sports - Double Sessions
September 1st: All Sports - Single Sessions
September 2nd: School starts - Regular practice sessions begin.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE THEY MAY PARTICIPATE. Physical examinations will be given on the following days free of charge in the nurse's office of the high school.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED M.I.A.A. MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE TIME OF THEIR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

Wednesday, August 19th:

8:30 a.m. - Varsity and J.V. Football
10:00 a.m. - Varsity and J.V. Boys Soccer
11:00 a.m. - Varsity and J.V. Girls Soccer
12:30 p.m. - Varsity Girls Gymnastics
1:00 p.m. - Varsity and J.V. Field Hockey

Friday, August 21st:

8:30 a.m. - Freshmen Football
9:30 a.m. - Freshmen Boys Soccer
10:15 a.m. - Freshmen Girls Soccer

Monday, August 24th:

8:30 a.m. - Make-up physicals for boys
9:00 a.m. - Make-up physicals for girls

Ag. Women's Softball... Miracles Stop TJ's

On Monday, July 27th, the Miracle Softball Team defeated a fine, well-coached team representing TJ's Sporthouse, to capture the 1992 Agawam Women's "B" Division.

The Miracles had finished the regular season in third place (17-6-1) behind TJ's and Southworth.

Facing a tough challenge from a crafty Southworth team in the semi-finals, the Miracles combined solid defense and excellent hitting to win the series two games to one.

This set up a best of three games series with TJ's for the championship. The first game was played on Friday, July 24th with TJ's prevailing, 14-6.

In game two on Monday, July 27th, the clutch hitting of Joyce Wise, Celeste Semia, Patty Clayton, Mary Wilczynski, and Yvie Simard resulted in a 8-6 Miracle's win to set up the final and deciding game at 7:00 p.m.

With TJ's trailing in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Miracle's defense, led by Sue Horne, Robin Biskup, Leslie Horne, Brenda Thayer, Renee Duval, Colleen Gray, and Lynne Saya, was able to hold off TJ's final threat, winning 5-2.

While the Miracles' players credit Coach Nick Fratamico and Assistant Coaches Ellen Donahue and Micki Woods, Fratamico cites the hard work and dedication of each team member for a very successful season.

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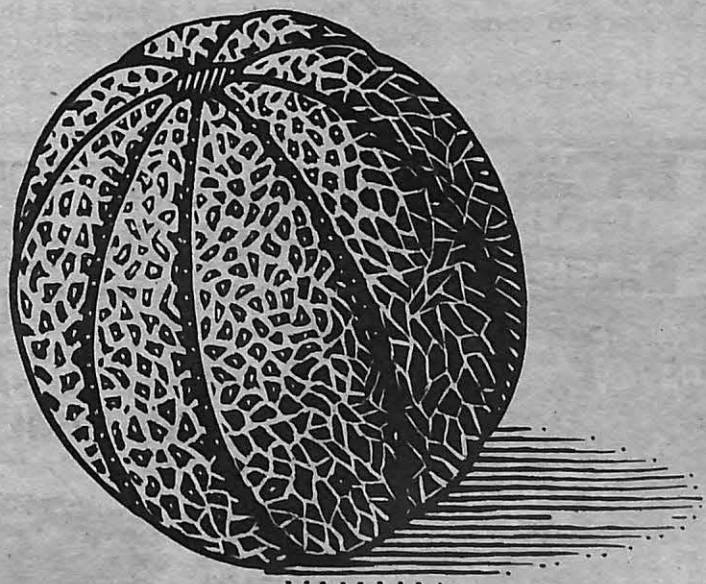
Buccaneer Lounge Red Team Place 2nd



MEMBERS OF THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE RED Team, runners-up in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Division A Softball League. Back row, from left - Pat Piccirilli, Peg Buckley, Karen Tyburski, Tracy Bernot, Colleen Meares, Mary Reagen, and Barb Arel. Front row - Nancy Nealon, Donna Leger, Janet d'Entremont, Pat Johnson, Carol Grzywacz, Nancy Murphv, Pat Johnson, and Ann Cochrane.

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"It seems everyone has their own theory when it comes to telling if a canteloupe is ripe. There are knockers, shakers, thumb-thumpers, and one woman who won't buy a melon unless a dime fits in the stem.(?!). Well, I really don't know about all that—Pop taught me a long time ago that melons turn yellow when they're ripe. The yellower a melon is, the riper it is—hasn't failed me yet—Pop's a pretty smart guy."



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Agawam Men's Softball... Scoreboard Finally Downs Stubborn Buc

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Scoreboard pitcher Gary Guidetti spun a no-hitter for five and a third innings, and that enabled his teammates to get their collective offensive act together in order to score 12 runs in the final three innings and down stubborn **Buccaneer** 13-1 in a six-inning contest.

The win propelled Scoreboard into the semifinals against Balise in the Agawam Slo-Pitch softball league.

Buc wasn't hitting the ball hard at all on Monday night, as they sent routine fly after routine fly into the outfield. They got a leadoff walk from Dave Maratea in the first inning, and never had another baserunner until Dan Champigney roped a single down the rightfield line with one out in the sixth.

Meanwhile, Scoreboard wasn't setting the world on fire from the batter's box, either. They squeaked out a first-inning run on a one-out walk to Larry Baker, a Rich Bienia fielder's choice, and a seeing-eye single by Chip Bienia that plated Barker.

Buccaneer picked up where they had left off in the first two games of the series defensively when they turned two sparkling double plays to get out of jams in the second and third innings.

The Scoreboard left centerfielder made a great play, running down a Lou Champigney liner to preserve the no-hit bid in the fifth. Just prior to that, Scoreboard had finally opened up a little ground for themselves when they struck for three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Barker got it going again, but only because the second baseman bobbled his leadoff grounder. Rich Bienia singled and Chip also reached on a second baseman's error, allowing the second run to score for a 2-0 lead.

Jeff Daly singled home another run, and Wayne Murphy's drive to right field was good for a sacrifice fly.

Much "Noise" From Scoreboard

In the bottom of the fifth, Scoreboard made more big noises with their sticks as they struck for three more runs to go on top 7-0.

Consecutive hits by Mike Fiala, Jeff Koziol, Guidetti, and Tom Nash preceded a flyout by Barker, but another run scored on that play when the ball was thrown into the bench area adjacent to third base.

Champigney broke up the no-no and that woke up his team a little bit. Pete Rego and John McCarthy followed with loud singles to load the bases, and Joe Liquori broke up the shutout with a sacrifice fly to leftfield.

Scoreboard finished off their stubborn foe in the sixth, as they banged the rock around long enough to score six times and end the Buc season on a mercy rule.

Singles by Chip Bienia, Koziol, and Guidetti, along with doubles by Daly and Fiala, were spaced around three Buccaneer errors to give Scoreboard five runs, and Tom Nash ended the party by hitting a sacrifice fly to right center for the game winner.

Bob Johnson On Sports...

Fantasy Baseball League Rolls Along

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

For the last two-week stat period, the Back Bay Bashers went 10-2. That happened to be the best record of any of the 12 teams in the Fenway League of the World Baseball League.

And I happen to be the proud co-owner of the Bashers!

Actually, it doesn't really mean anything because a quick glance at the Fantasy League Standings shows that even though the Bashers occupy second place in the Yastrzemski Division, we are a distant 15 games behind the team that call themselves Wild Play. There is little hope of a run at the division title.

I understand that more than 99% of the people reading this do not participate in Fantasy League Baseball (this is my first season), but there are some parallels that can be drawn between the Bashers and any of the regional professional baseball teams for which most of us root.

I've got a good team with some quality baseball players. Juan Gonzalez is on my team and he has gone bonkers offensively. Old pros Harold Baines, Candy Maldonado, and Rafael Palmeiro are doing beautifully, and Craig Grebeck and Omar Vizquel are playing ball like they never have before.

Carney Lansford always sticks his base hit in there, and I sometimes get production out of Carlton Fisk, Jim Gantner, Bob Zupcic, and Scott Camper. Lance Johnson is running wild on the bases these days (three steals in one game last week) and he batted over .400 for the period.

Waking Up Too Late

The problem is that these guys are waking up too late for them to make a difference. We are not going to win ... and neither are the Red Sox or Yankees. I guess we have to give the Mets an outside shot at things in the NL East.

But, when I got my stats in my hand last weekend, I became rejuvenated. Prior to receiving them, I had been rather haphazard in reading the boxscores. I'd see them four or five times a week instead of seven. Now, I never miss a day.

On the first day of the stat period this week, Gonzalez rapped two homers against Boston. Grebeck and Fisk both bombed two-run homers for the White Sox, and Maldonado hit one for Toronto. Five in one night!

I got my calculator out ... let's see, if I have five stat periods left and I pick up four games per period and Wild Play slips below .500, well ... hmmm, Wild Play has no power, I do. He's got Henneman and Aguilera to pick up saves for him, but the Tigers aren't getting any wins so Henneman won't get any saves.

The Twins have been so hot for so long that they are bound to hit a rough spot. That night, Aguilera came on and gave up a three-run homer to Eric Fox of the A's, and his ERA skyrocketed for the state period.

I've got Toronto's bullpen surrounded with both Ward and Henke, and they will do some damage because they get to play the Red Sox ... maybe I'll make a move!

Yes, a lot of dialogue goes on inside this head when I'm thinking baseball; when I'm thinking pennant run.

Nothing Will Help

All the plotting, planning, and rationalizing in the world will not help the Bashers, nor will it help the Sox, Yanks, and probably the Mets. But like they say—it ain't over until the fat lady sings...

Our favorite Major League team will probably have a six- or seven-game winning streak stuck in here pretty soon. It's called the law of averages. And when our favorite team gets hot, we'll get excited, too.

Maybe the Bashers can move within six or eight games by season's end. Maybe we can get 10 or perhaps 15 games over .500. Maybe Tim Lary will start pitching a little better.

Maybe Mike Gardiner (who I traded even up for Nolan Ryan during a weak moment in late May) will get back from Pawtucket. Maybe Greg Harris will find his groove again. Maybe, maybe, maybe.

Baseball goes on and on for seven-and-a-half months. The roller coaster goes up and down constantly. It's been a tough season, but there will be some shining moments.

I am in the midst of one with the Bashers, and I've been waiting patiently for the Red Sox to follow suit. They will—and I'll be there to enjoy it. I hope you will too.

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TJ's Women's Softball Team went into the playoffs sporting a 22-2 record. Known as a low key, tough defensive team as well as a nearly awesome offensive group, they started the playoffs by scratching Boston Billiards 14-0 and 9-2.

Then the weatherman had his say as games were rained out and postponed.

When play resumed on a Friday, the Miracles defeated Southworth Paper to advance to the final round. They ran into a smoking TJ's who set them down with a 14-6 win in the first game of the finals.

Due to scheduling problems, play was resumed on Monday for the final showdown.

Apparently, lessons were learned by the Miracles as they performed magnificently as the bats of TJ's went silent. Tough defensive battles ensued, the Miracles winning the first game of the evening, 8-6.

The second game was again mostly defense with TJ's women wondering what that 32-inch piece of aluminum was for. The Miracles went on to a 5-2 win and the championship.

TJ's Women's Tam has nothing to hang their heads about. They had an excellent season, had some fun, and will have a lot of memories, including a triple play against the same team they just lost to.

The loss was handled quite well and with class under the circumstances. Even though Coach Larry Wilson was understandably upset, one comment from the many, many spectators made his day a little brighter.

The unidentified gentleman spoke with him after the game, saying, "I haven't seen women's softball in 15 years, and I am amazed at the quality of play. The hitting, the speed, the arms of these women, just stunned me. I just witnessed, along with a couple of hundred other people, just how good a game women's softball can be for a spectator."

Yes, it is a great game, for spectator and player alike. Quality play, quality people make for a wonderful time away from the pressures of the world. Get away from that and get into the pressure cooker of fine women's softball.

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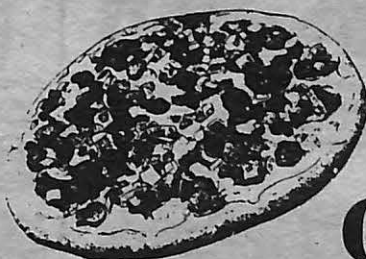
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Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball...

Scoreboard, Buc Lounge Split Series

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There was little to choose between the **Scoreboard Lounge** and the **Buccaneer Lounge** in B American South Softball at Borgatti Field on Thursday night (July 30th).

Scoreboard got a 6-5 victory in Game One of the doubleheader as Gary Guidetti singled home the game-winning run in the eighth inning in a seesaw affair.

In Game Two, Scoreboard was looking for a two-game sweep of the series, and Buccaneer was hoping to stave off elimination in the best-of-three, first-round playoffs.

An excellent battle ensued, and two fine, seventh-inning defensive plays by the Buc's third baseman gave his club a 7-6 victory and a split of the doubleheader.

It didn't look good early for the Buc when Scoreboard immediately put up a three-spot in the top of the first. Rich Blenia smoked a two-run triple to right center, and Chip Blenia singled him home.

Both teams erupted in applause in the bottom of the first as the Scoreboard third baseman made a fantastic catch running in foul territory down the leftfield line.

He speared a popup some 100 feet beyond his normal playing position. Ultimately, the Buc went 1-2-3 in the first.

Scoreboard got a runner aboard in the second looking to extend their lead, but they couldn't

plate him.

An Important Second Inning

The Buc had a most important rally in the second. Lou Champigny laced a single to left leading off. Barry Thomas and Rick Cassesse followed with singles to lead the bases. Pete Rego got the first run home with a sacrifice fly that also served to move everybody up a base.

Dan Champigny tied the game with a two-run single to center, and he took second on the throw to the plate. That proved costly for Scoreboard, as Joe Liquori stuck in an RBI base hit to put the Buccaneer on top 4-3 after two innings.

Scoreboard would go on to put up three consecutive goose eggs on the Buc, and moved the lead to 6-2 when they scored twice in the fourth. Cassesse had a leadoff single.

One out later, Dan Champigny's single to right-center went through the legs of the fielder and rolled all the way to the fence. Both runners scored on the error.

Scoreboard got one back in the fifth when Paul Kendall cracked a two-out, RBI single, scoring Wayne Murphy. He had walked and moved up on Jeff Koziol's single.

Buccaneer matched that run in the fifth on Lou Champigny's RBI single to center. Buc was in charge (7-4) after five.

Scoreboard came back with a run in the sixth as Jeff Daly singled and moved to second on an er-

ror. He would score on Chip Blenia's sacrifice fly to trim the deficit to 7-5.

The Buc got a one-out single in the sixth. But that was erased with Dan Champigny bounced into a 6-4-3 Inning-ending DP.

Scoreboard's Seventh-Inning Chance

Scoreboard got their chance in the seventh and it was nearly amazing that they didn't at least tie the ballgame. Flynn led with a walk. Murphy rapped a ball to first base.

The first sacker made an excellent snag on the ball, but then made a decision to go to second base with the throw instead of getting the out at first.

The throw was wild and Scoreboard had the tying runs in scoring position with nobody out. Jeff Koziol grounded to first, and another error ensued as Scoreboard picked up a run on the play. They had runners on first and third with still nobody out.

Surely, everyone in the ballpark expected them to tie the ballgame.

Instead, Gary Guidetti laced a liner to third that was snagged eye high for the first out. Dennis Koziol came to bat and he ripped one down the line at third.

The man at the hot corner smoothly played the ball and started an around-the-horn double play that ended the ballgame and evened the series.

Sports A La Carte...

Knuckleballer Boggs? Olympic Courage

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I don't care that RAFAEL PALMEIRO is only hitting in the low .270's this season. I still love to have him on my Fantasy Baseball team. He battles that pitcher on every pitch.

I learned Monday night that he did not swing and miss at even one pitch in his first 29 major league plate appearances! Nothing like adjusting to a new level of play, eh?...

Speaking of quality hitters batting in the .270's, WADE BOGGS is still having his monumental struggle of 1992 at the plate. Some of you might have heard that PETER GAMMONS was quoted the other day: "Wade Boggs has a good enough knuckleball to win 15 games in the majors right now."

Wow! I don't know how long it would take me to get used to seeing Boggsie peering in for the sign. But, that's one way to get rid of the DH!!!...

From Our What's This World Coming To Department: Former Laker great and current Laker GM JERRY WEST got mugged by two punks in the parking lot of the Fabulous Forum on Monday...

Does anybody have that NBC Pay-Per-View Olympics coverage? My neighbor does and we were watching a little boxing the other night, and the Fight Doctor FERDIE PACHECHO is taking all the liberties that he wants with his tongue on this special coverage.

He sounded like he was ready to climb in the ring and dust the referee during a fight between a

Spaniard and a Chinese kid. He was in rare form and it was great television...

There was a British 400 Meter runner at the Olympics named REDMUND who pulled up lame 100 Meters or so into his semi-final qualifying heat. Instead of quitting and collapsing on the track, he sucked it up and tried to finish the race on one leg.

It was the supreme effort. He didn't make it because his manager/trainer bearhugged him off the track, but he sure showed me some courage...

I guess that hype about the GHO having a tough layout must have been true because when LANNY WADKINS picked up his \$180,000 first-place paycheck, he did it with the second highest score (274) of the professional PGA season. Only Pebble Beach and TOM KITE had a higher winner's score this year...

I'm told that TOM SEAVER made no reference to his time in New York or Boston when he was inducted into Cooperstown on Sunday...

Quote of the week: "MACHO CAMACHO is a very feminine man" - JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ. Incidentally, Camacho will have a chance to avenge those remarks when the two square off on September 12th...

Check that Red Sox road record (15-32) which is good for worst in the majors. No wonder I need NESN to keep me sane.

(Incidentally, I must fess up this week. I called and asked them to cancel NESN on Monday, and decided against it when I got the customer service rep on the phone. Hey, Clemens was going that night...)

Olympic Update: Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Namibia, and Surinam have combined for one gold, two silver, and four bronze...

Bye Bye Bo, the Tigers said the other day. BO SCHEMBECHLER, who was a model of consistency and conservatism for so long as head football coach for the Michigan Wolverines, was unceremoniously dismissed by the Tigers Monday after failing to improve matters in the Motor City.

He tried to institute a boot-camp like atmosphere throughout the minor league system, and apparently that was a different direction or timetable than the Bengal bosses were willing to accept...

Don't look now, but DANTE BICHETTE and OMAR VIZQUEL are running third and fourth in hitting in the American League this season...

You gotta love a sense of humor. When former Chicago White Sox and St. Louis Browns owner BILL VEECK injured his good leg (his other one was wooden), he said, "It's a pity it couldn't have been the other leg. I could have called a carpenter."...

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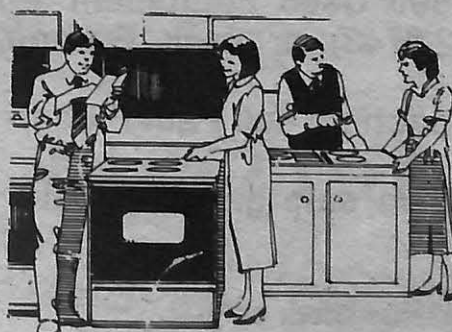
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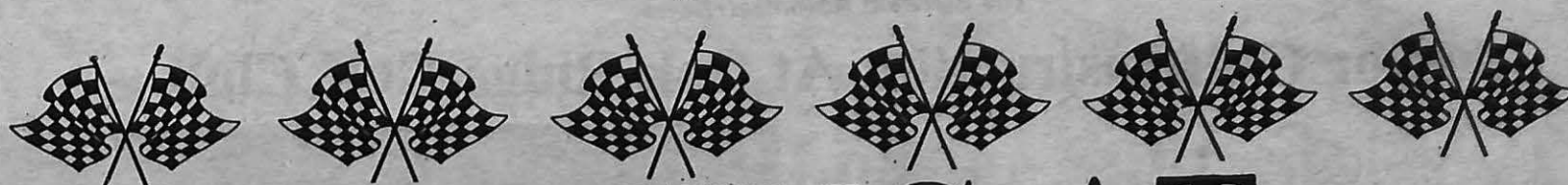
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Tom Bolles Wins Bud Bonus Series Race

Tom Bolles won night number one in the \$10,000 Bonus Series for the NASCAR Type Modifieds. The Budweiser/Lindblad special event was witnessed by 7,659 Winston race fans on Saturday, August 1st.

On the start it was Brian Schofield, as Tom Bolles moved to the outside and took the lead. It was then Reggie Ruggiero, who came to the front and really applied the pressure to Bolles.

On lap 31, the Reg (with some help) went around to bring out another caution. During this delay, Rick Fuller also pitted for tires.

The next start teamed up Jerry Marquis, Chris Kopec, and Larry Moore to pressure Tom Bolles. Bolles never gave in to the pressure, right to the finish.

At the checker behind Bolles was Jerry Marquis (Pike Package), Chris Kopec (McDonald's of Palmer), Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool), and Bobby Gee (International Auto Body).

Sixth through 10th were Rick Fuller (Polar Beverage), Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law), George Rudinas, Stan Greger, and Rick Summers (Texaco Oil).

"This one is for Tony and Guy. This team has earned it. I would like to thank my sponsors Moccio/Coswell and D & D Autobody," said Tom Bolles. It was a hard-fought victory for the team.

Lindblad Chassis was the sponsor of the 50-lap, \$1,000 to win feature in the Pro 4 Modifieds. On lap number 19, **George Savary** took the lead to hold off the challenges of fast-time setter Doug Meservey, Mike Petrizzo, Tom Crevenho, and Renee Dupruis.

Among the frontrunners who met with misfortune were point leader Joe Lemay and Dan Meservey. Still, it was the Westwood driver that never relaxed and gave in right to the checker.

Second went to Doug Meservey, third was Mike Petrizzo, fourth was Tom Crevenho, and fifth was Renee Dupruis. Sixth through 10th were Bill Schultz, Gary Palmer, Mike Casey, George Sherman, and Mark Crossman.

George Savary was quick to point out that it was the first time out for his rebuilt car. He thanked the crew and his wife Sandy for the win.

Ted Hebert did a masterful job of holding off the competition to win the Pro Stock feature. It was a popular victory.

However, a post-race inspection by Dick Brooks gave the win to **Tom Carey**; soft tires were the reason. So Tom Carey won the race as Eddy Carroll was second over Tony Papale, Dave Caruso, and Jerry Marquis.

Sixth through 10th were Dave Sazarulo, John Lobo, Ed Carroll, Dave Berube, and Mark Forino.

Rich Vassaur passed Gary Fiormonti to take the lead in the Late Models to win his second feature for 1992. At the checker it was Martin Leary for second over Doug D'alessandro, Jay Stewart, and Gary Fiormonti.

Sixth through 10th were Larry Pincince, Fred Laforge, Mike Bushlor, Gary Pelletier, and Barry Grey.

Rob Valerio won his second victory in the Strictly Stocks over E.J. Legacy, Sal Calvo, Joe Czarnecki, Jeff Horn, and J.A. Houghton.

This Saturday, August 8th, it's another night in the \$10,000 program, and the event is family priced at just \$6 for adults.

Bobby Gee Takes "Snap On Tools" Race

Saturday, July 25th, was a recreation of the Fourth of July at Riverside Park Speedway ... with fireworks in the air and on the race track, as the stands were jammed with 8,000-plus race fans for a picture-perfect night of racing.

The event was sponsored by Budweiser/Porter Chester Ins., and was the fourth event in the "Snap On Tools" Independent Series.

In the Modified Tour feature, it was Dave Gallo (from the point) who took the lead, as Rick Summers powered his way out front until Larry Moore took the lead and set a strong pace.

By lap 28, Rick Fuller was flying and took the lead with a bottom move. Fuller was then setting a blistering pace when the drive shaft broke. This set off a chain reaction that involved 10 cars.

The mangled mess was full of the lead pack of contenders for the victory. It included Rick Summers, Jerry Marquis, Reggie Ruggiero, Brian Schofield, Richie Gallup, and Stan Greger. The amazing part was that most were able to return.

On the restart, it was Bobby Gee coming on strong and being hunted down by Tom Bolles and Ed Kennedy. The Reg also pitted and came from the back.

At the checker, it was **Bobby Gee** in first place for his first-ever victory in the Modifieds. Following the International Auto Body car to the checker was Tom Bolles (Moccio Trucking), Ed Kennedy (Roberts' Mercedes), Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law), and George Rudinas (D.D.M. Motor Sports), followed by Chris Kopec, Jerry Marquis, Brian Schofield, Wade Cole, and Dave Gallo.

It was a very popular win for Bobby Gee. "I thought this day would never come. This crew has worked so hard. This is a dream come true," said Bobby Gee.

He also thanked his sponsors—Sher's Auto, International Auto Body, and Mark's.

Jerry Marquis came from the back to dominate

the Pro Stock feature, as Tom Carey held off Kevin Czarnecki (who was one of the early leaders). Tony Papale finished fourth and was a strong challenger.

Eddy Carroll finished fifth, followed by Tom Fearn, Ed Carroll, Dave Caruso, Dave Berube, and Fran Forino.

In the Late Models, **Fred LaForge** started up front and never gave up the lead as Larry Pincince gave him a real run for the money to finish second over Jay Stuart, Barry Grey, and Mike Harelik. Sixth through 10th were Todd Anderson, John Johnson, Bob Skinger, Doug D'alessandro, and Gary Pelletier.

Jeff Horn secured his fifth win in the Strictly Stocks over Herb Carlon, Pete Bennitt, Joe Czarnecki, and E.J. Legacy. Sixth through 10th were Mitch Drewnowski, J.A. Houghton, Ed Haluck, Sal Calvo, and Rob Velerio.

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Avery
Kennedy
Kopec
Ruggiero
Gegetskas
D'alessandro
Fuller
Moore
Rudinas
LeClair
Summers
Greger
Principi
Zavisza

354 Quintillano
298 Leary
280 Floramanti
278 Anderson
216 Bushlor
216 Charette
198 Laforge
190
186
164
130
118
112
108
72

STRICTLY STOCKS

Horn
Czarnecki
Drewnowski
Houghton
Leone
Haluch
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Calvo
Connors
Fujimoto
Valerio
Arena
Durkee
Minchella
Owen

PRO STOCKS

Fearn
Papale
Caruso
Carey
Carroll, Eddy
Marquis
Bouley
Czarnecki
Turcotte
Carroll, Ed
Salzarulo
Duquette
Hebert
Lobo
Berube

344
290
280
262
252
232
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190
176
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LATE MODELS

Stuart
Gray
Woods
Mazziotto
Johnson
Pelletier
D'alessandro
Vasseur

402
362
274
220
220
212
200
198

Riverside's "Snap On Tools" Points

(As Of July 25th, 1992)

MODIFIED

170 Kennedy 66
158 Avery 62
146 Gegetskas 58
144 Rudinas 52
140 Ruggiero 48
138 Kopec 48
94

PRO STOCKS

Papale 92
Czarnecki 78
Marquis 62
Fearn 60
Carroll, Eddy 58
Carey 52

LATE MODELS

Gray 68
Stuart 66
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Hunting Deer At Quabbin

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Until last year, hunting had not been permitted on the Quabbin Reservation in more than 50 years. As a result, the deer herd had grown to levels of 40 to 60 animals per square mile—four to six times the state average.

The MDC is very concerned over the situation. Extensive studies by the MDC and outside consultants have indicated that multi-aged, multi-species forest cover is essential for maintaining Quabbin's high water quality.

MDC is also very concerned by the overbrowsing of the deer affecting the quality of the water in the future.

The nine thousand acres that were hunted last year will be hunted again this year. The kill was very satisfying in 1991. Five-hundred, sixty-seven animals were killed by selected hunters.

The MDC has notified the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife that they will shotgun hunt the Prescott Peninsula—an 11,000-acre area that has some of the most severe forest regeneration problems.

Recent regulation changes by the MFW allow for this special shotgun season, and will allow hunters to tag two deer in one day in Prescott. The regular Fish and Wildlife regulations will apply and will remain in effect for the Pelham hunt.

The MDC will be accepting applications for the lottery during the month of August. Applications will be available at the Quabbin Visitors Center in Belchertown, the Fish and Wildlife Field Headquarters in Westboro, and at MDC and MFW district headquarters throughout August.

All applications must be received by the MDC by August 31st with the \$5 application fee for each person applying.

Hunters will be selected based upon the LAST DIGITS of the hunting license number in a public drawing to be held on September 16th. In order to increase hunter effectiveness while reducing the number of private vehicles travelling on MDC roads, hunters will be able to apply in pairs or as singles.

The two applicants can only apply under one license number, and both applicants must submit the \$5 fee. Successful applicants will then be assigned to a segment in the Prescott hunt from November 2nd to 21st, or the Pelham hunt from November 30th to December 5th.

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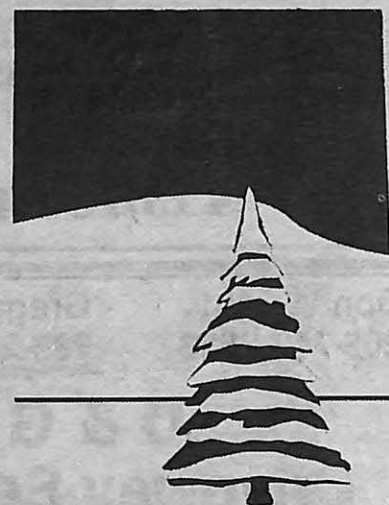
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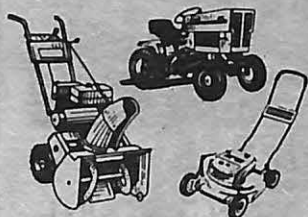
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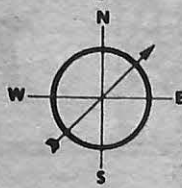
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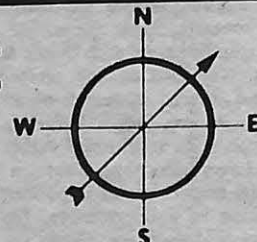
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Code 35532 Hi, I am a 29 yr. old female. I am considered very attractive and outgoing. I'm 5'9" and weigh 115 lbs. I am adventurous and enjoy trying new things at least once. I'd love to meet a man who's spontaneous and easygoing who enjoys serious dating.

Code 35533 Hi, I am 26 yrs. old, very attractive, outgoing and a warm person. I like to exercise, reading and I love the outdoors. I am looking for a fun-loving, easygoing guy who is physically fit. Please write or call.

Code 35561 Fun-loving, attractive female in her late 20's. I have a great job and good friends, just looking for that special man. Please write or call.

Code 35562 Single white female, strawberry blonde, blue eyes, petite and physically fit. Love to snow ski, water ski and all outdoor outdoor activities. Looking for a fun-loving, handsome male in his 30's or early 40's who is intelligent and likes good conversation. Please write or call.

Code 35062 SWF, 28, 5'5". I am a smoker, as well as a social drinker. I am overweight. I do have a sarcastic wit in a good manner. I'm fed up with the bar scene. I'm looking for someone kind, considerate, and understanding. I like boating, long walks, holding hands, cuddling, snowmobiling, movies, and quiet evenings. I'm more interested in someone from the inside than their appearance. I consider myself down to earth. I don't like materialistic people. If any of this sounds like you would be interested, please write.

Code 35248 Down to earth DWF, mother of 2 great kids, 35, tall, trim, attractive, social drinker, non-smoker. Love camping, painting, country music (as well as other types), laughter, humor, ice cream, pizza, concerts, quiet times, picnics & spending time with family & friends. Not looking for perfection, but instead in search of an honest, sincere, tall, attractive gentleman with traditional values who believes friendship, affection, trust and respect are as important as passion in a relationship. No smokers or drug users. Photo appreciated.

Code 35275 Don't you think it's time you walk out of my dreams & into my arms? Are you honest, sincere, like to snuggle on cold winter nights? You are! Well please read on. Do you have a sense of humor? Are you a country type of guy, die hard romantic type like myself? I'm not interested in your age, height, weight, hair or eye color, just what's in your heart. But if you wonder what I look like, I'm 42, dark hair, blue eyes, blessed in all the right places—over blessed you might say. I'm secure, now all I need is you.

Code 35346 DWF, 24, 5'7", shy, good sense of humor, social drinker. Enjoys humor, bowling, dancing, all types of music, long walks and fun times. Seek S/DWM, 23-40, non-smoker, with similar interests.

Code 35266 Tall, happy-go-lucky, professional SBF, 27, looking for long-term companion. My interests include sports, the performing arts, music and miniature golf. Prefer a single, never-married male (race unimportant) who is not "Prince Charming" and can give a workaholic a reason to look forward to the weekend.

Code 35950 Pretty (long blonde hair/green eyes), bright, witty, classy, trim, fun, emotionally and financially secure, professional DWF. Comfortable in denim or silk and enjoys golf, movies, theater, creative writing, getaways, great conversation, the beach, quiet times and more. Would like to meet PROFESSIONAL W/DWM, 40-50, with similar qualities and interests.

Code 36053 Single white female, 29, 5'11", slender. I'm a warm, fun-loving woman seeking a tall, honest, single white male, 29-35 who is looking for a friend to share and develop a loving relationship! I enjoy the outdoors, movies, dancing, playing cards, and traveling. If you're a non-smoker with similar interests, a gentleman with a with a sense of humor, please reply.

Code 36075 Divorced white female, 33, without children, nice, bright, attractive, professional, 5'7", 125 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes. I'm forthright, romantic and giving. Social drinker, very considerate smoker. I enjoy dancing, dining out, cooking, long walks and day trips. Open to trying new things - the person is more important than the activity. Seeking someone who is tall (5'10"-plus), attractive, emotionally secure and affectionate.

Code 34096 Widowed white female, 50, smoker, social drinker, works 12 hours a day for insurance co. out of state - in "free time" want to share dining out, dancing, 5'4", 135 lbs.

Code 34097 Lady, attractive, divorced white female, 38, 5'6", 130 lbs., black hair, dark eyes, caring, romantic, good sense of humor. I love the ocean, animals, snow, dining out, etc. Seeks handsome gentleman. Secure, caring, easygoing who's not afraid to share and care.

Code 35602 Sultry, dark-haired woman with a beautiful smile and an Indiana Jones flair for adventure seeks energized single man, 30-40's, who is educated, handsome and athletic for lasting relationship. I'm attractive, educated, gourmet cook, wry sense of humor, well-toned, petite. Enjoy traveling, hiking, biking, ocean fishing, skiing, Latin music/dance. Prefer man who is honest, open and affectionate. If you are the right one, we'll dip strawberries in chocolate and drink champagne long into the night. Please send letter and photo.

Code 35409 SWF, 28 with 2 small boys, interested in meeting friendly, dependable, caring, honest and open-minded white male. Enjoy dining out, movies or just sharing quiet times together. Drugs and smoking are not my style. If you are a hopeless romantic who enjoys sending flowers for no reason then you're the one for me. Friendship is a must that may become a lasting relationship. Send a letter and all will be responded to.

Code 35635 DWF - working girl, attractive, 5'7", weight proportionate, very affectionate, blondish brown hair, brown eyes, who enjoys dancing, dining out, sports, smugling, hugging, touching, cozy evenings. Looking for tall, attractive man, 45-55 with similar likes. Answer this ad and see what happens!!

Code 35634 Is there a man out there who could appreciate an attractive, full figured woman, late 40's, dark hair, 5'3", Italian descent who has lots of love to give? I love movies, slow dancing and romantic evenings. I don't smoke or drink but can accept moderation in others.

Code 35949 Do you like kissing by a roaring fire with a lover - except that 1) you don't have a fireplace, 2) you don't have a lover, and 3) you've never done it & don't know anyone who has? Good start. I'm looking for a man who doesn't go for clichés, who is intelligent, literate, down to earth & likes to stay up late talking. I'm 40, slender, attractive, have one child & a wide range of interests. I care more that you're passionate about your life than I do that we're passionate about all the same things. Detailed letter preferred - no form letters, please!

Code 35636 Wanted tall, beautiful man to make my days unbelievable and my nights unforgettable. Qualified applicants should love dancing, pampering the "boss", and hugging till dawn. Benefits include unbelievable days and unforgettable nights with me a DWF, 32, 5'7", blond hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, light drinker with a full time job opening for you. Only serious applicants need apply.

Code 35967 Attractive, mature 40 something SWF, petite (5'1"), 108 lbs., in good shape. Looking for a classy, mature, SWM who likes dining out, dancing, movies, shows, beaches, picnics, walks, good sense of humor, must be in good shape, between 5'6"-6', 45-50 and emotionally secure.

Code 36037 Single white female, 26, non-smoker, tired of bar scene. Looking to meet single white male, 25-34. I'm fun, loving, honest and sincere. Gentleman with similar qualities and interests in meeting one special lady, write. Enclose photo if possible.

Code 36071 Single white female, 23, 5'7". Looking for attractive, sensible, caring, intelligent, non-smoker, non-drug user for fun doing all sorts of things including dinners, going to beach, travel or maybe trying something new - maybe bungee jumping! I'm an attractive, honest, caring woman. Photo appreciated.

Code 35928 Do you enjoy a challenge? Are you 33-42, non-smoker, with a 1 drink limit? Do you possess a muscular chest, 5'9" or taller, creative, imaginative, with a romantic heart, and wise in gentlemanly manners? If yes, then a 5'3", brown eyed and hair, 35, SWF awaits your reply.

Code 36050 Single white female, 32, artistic, creative, professional, seeks partner who is a professional, career-orientated single/divorced white male, 32-40 to enjoy life. But you've got to know where you've been in life and where you're heading. If you want someone to walk the road 50/50, let's talk! I could be worthwhile!

Code 35530 SWF, 35, country girl with classy attitude. Loves animals, classical music, laughing and life. Seeks man with positive outlook, motivation and appreciation of fine things. No drugs, no masquerades, I want to know the real you. New to area, all replies answered.

Code 35940 DWF, 59 years young, 5'9" tall, 140 lbs., short greying auburn hair, brown eyes. I'm fairly quiet and reserved until I get to know someone. I love to dance, go to good movies, dine out occasionally, roller skate (although it's been a while). I'm a sometime smoker and occasional drinker. Lonely.

Code 35755 DWF, 5'7", green eyes, brunette, outgoing, sincere, good-natured, adventurous, professional, homemaker, with grown children would like to meet healthy, happy, down-to-earth, good guy. Looking for long-term relationship. Outdoors I like skiing, going places, and doing things. Indoors I like movies, rummy, conversation, and someone who is comfortable in the kitchen.

Code 35051 I am an interesting person and very honest, caring, loving and independent. I enjoy movies, long walks, going out to dinner, watching outdoor concerts or just sitting at home and talking. I would prefer a tall white male between the ages of 40 and 55 with the same or similar interests as myself. A smoker or a social drinker is acceptable. I also don't mind children; if the right person comes along I am willing to pursue a long-term relationship.

Code 36011 Artist, inquisitive and affectionate, metamorphosed into quilter; loves to dance, garden, build, read, create, explore (nature, music, museums, fine food, activities, qualities of mind). Excellent communicator, sense of humor, seeks similarly committed being with whom to share and grow. WWF, 43, 5'5", 125 lbs., bluish eyes, chestnut hair, attractive, daughter.

Code 36086 Single white female, 36, 5'6", 145 lbs., professional, auburn hair, green/blue eyes. Enjoys walks, hikes, nature, movies, music, theatre, travelling. Seeks intelligent, honest, sensitive, mentally-secure man, 32-a young 40. Sense of humor appreciated. I'm intelligent, compassionate, quiet, a good listener, witty and independent.

Code 35552 Make your fantasies reality. Sunday, Monday night football and playful halftime goals. SWF, young 31, very attractive, athletic, 5'10", medium build, blond/hazel, voluptuous, degree professional. Non-smoker, social drinker, emotionally and financially secure, in search of D/SWM with similar qualities over 6', 21-45, domestically independent. Phone number, picture if possible (will return).

Code 35419 Beautiful green-eyed blonde, physically fit. Looking for an easygoing, fun-loving, intelligent, professional for companionship and friendship, possibly more. Must be emotionally and financially secure. Please write or call.

Code 35750 SWF, 32, blonde hair, hazel eyes, tall, slim. I'm outgoing and sociable. Great sense of humor. Very affectionate and loyal. Seeking a short, fat, ugly man for long-term commitment. To make this relationship work you must be a heavy smoker and drinker; enjoy carousing with friends until the wee hours of the morning; be unemployed, uneducated and no place to live. Those in need of psychiatric counseling a plus. Please write.

Code 36010 DWF, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, attractive, down to earth, sincere, sense of humor. Interests include dancing, occasional dining out, walks, music, beach, travel, cooking, good conversation. Looking for missing ingredient to complete life's recipe. S/DWM, 5'8", 58-63, weight proportionate to height, non smoker, social drinker, sincere, honest, sense of humor, loveable, cuddly, romantic for a one to one relationship. Write or call.

Code 35616 SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, physically fit, slightly overweight, Catholic, old-fashioned, romantic, and independent. Interests include jogging, aerobics, weight training, bowling, music, movies, sports, the arts, moonlight, candlelight, and romance. Looking for SWM, 28-32, 5'7" and up with similar qualities and interests. Write or call.

Code 35529 I am an attractive green-eyed 41 year old spirited woman with a love of farm life, animals and country music. I would like to meet a drug-free, dependable, caring man between 40-55 who enjoys fireplaces, champagne, nature and new horizons. All responses answered.

Code 35768 I am an attractive, physically fit, professional, SWF, 5'4", 125 lbs., brunette hair, very light smoker. I enjoy the outdoors, swimming, tennis and love to travel, dine out and make gourmet meals at home. I am looking for a fun-loving, energetic, physically fit, caring man.

Code 35979 Roses are red, my eyes are blue. I've been looking long & hard for a guy like "U." If you've been looking for a professional, romantic, creative SWF, 29, 5'8" with a fuller figure (but working very hard to change that), non-smoker, light social drinker, who's outgoing and down to earth and

enjoys just "being me" - HERE I AM! I'm a teddy bear lover & have various other hobbies and interests. Looking for open communication, trust & spontaneity and a solid friendship to lead into more. Bye, Bye for now...

Code 36023 Full figured, DWF, 34, auburn hair, 5'7", big brown eyes, attractive - smoker - social drinker. I'm single mom of 2 teens, social worker presently completing master's degree. I'm easygoing, fun-loving, honest & have a good sense of humor. I enjoy 50's-60's music mostly but can get into most others, love to dance, eating in/out, movies, long walks on the beach. If you are taller than me S/DWM, 30-40, who's honest, sincere, open to new ideas and share similar interests, let's talk.

Code 35590 SWF, 32, 5'6", 120 lbs., medium-long brunette hair, hazel eyes, and wear glasses, works nights. I'm quiet. I love animals: wild & tamed. I like music: favors hard rock. I like: movies, comedies, concerts, long walks and Cape Cod. I like to watch sports: baseball, football, auto racing, mud bogs & monster truck challenges. Looking first for friendship with SWM, then maybe lead to relationship. Please write.

Code 36022 DWF, early 40's, 5'2", 120 lbs., dark blond hair. My interests are fishing, dancing, camping and quiet romantic evenings. I'm interested in a long and meaningful relationship. Must be caring and compassionate. If interested reply with a photo please. Light drinker and smoker.

Code 35196 37, single, attractive, fun-loving, people person, wants great sense of humor (not goofy). Mature enough not to be afraid of commitment, but not in need of it. Aware of his feelings, not afraid to share them. Not afraid to give, happy to receive. If divorced, able to put it in its proper place—the past. Prefer single, someone with varied interests and fun. I am a non-smoker, social drinker, no children, medical professional who has wasted a lot of precious time with the wrong men. I have a lot to give, but this time to the right man. Photo, attractive, please.

Code 36020 I'm a single white 26 yr. old female. A non-smoker with no children. I'm looking for someone who enjoys going to see the New York Giants play football! Someone who is supportive and sensitive to my needs. A man who will help me, not embarrass me. Someone who is looking for a real woman, not Barbie!

Code 36013 Spring fever? This tall (5'9", 130 lbs.), attractive, blue-eyed blonde may be just what the doctor ordered! I'm 33 with varied interests including dancing, dining out, beaches, Tanglewood, picnics, theater and much more. I'm looking for a tall, attractive S/DWM, nonsmoking "cuddler," 30-45 to share love, laughter and life.

Code 35926 SWF, 42, looking for a dancing man, 40-50. Dancing Partner. I'm 5'2", blue eyes, dark blonde hair and freckles. I love to dance. Be willing to take dance lessons, all kinds, should be pleasant company with a sense of humor. Maybe dancing partners will develop into something more.

Code 35930 SWF, 31, without children. I enjoy weekend getaways, trips to flea markets, movies, music, playing pool, and bars. I'm overweight, but working on it. Also, I look younger than my age. I prefer men with shoulder-length hair, good sense of humor, and mature minded. Seeking someone between 25-35, 5'6" or taller. Write or call. See ya.

MALE ADS

Code 36041 Life is no fun unless you have someone to share it with. If you're looking for someone too, let's get together. I'm 35, divorced white male. I like country music, oldies, movies, theater, sports, golf. If you're a single/divorced white female, 28-35 with similar interests, call. Oh yes, I also like kids.

Code 35224 SWM, 30, seeks SWF who likes quiet evenings, a good movie, dining and dancing to country & oldies, horseback riding, fishing, bowling, and tired of being alone, try this fun-loving, shy, single male who loves life, a social beer and a pretty woman, chubby okay. Please reply and let's hook up.

Code 35445 Hi. I'm a single white male, 5'10", 175 lbs., handsome, intelligent, and sincere. Fun-loving and a good personality. Like animals, running, the beach and the country. Looking for a woman in her 20's who is intelligent, attractive, and have a good sense of humor. Please enclose photo.

Code 35245 DWM, 41, blond, green eyes, 5'9", 165 lbs. Love to golf, quiet times, country drives, sports on T.V. or live football or baseball, the beach, and warm starry nights. Hugs are a must. Non-smoker, social drinker.

Code 35422 SWM, 33, down-to-earth, well educated, hard working, handsome, easygoing, as well as outgoing. 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes. I am full of life. Enjoy the outdoors, beach, skiing, traveling, and exciting nights on the town. I am honest, caring, romantic, and sincere. Looking for intelligent, trim ladies who would enjoy these attributes and interests, 23-33. Come on and let's get together.

Code 35370 SWM, 26, non-smoker, 5'9", dark hair and eyes. Quiet, romantic, and sensitive. I enjoy sports, music, dancing, skiing, walks on the beach and quiet evenings. Looking for a kind and considerate woman 24-28 with a few of the same interests to share long, lasting relationship. Please send photo.

Code 35460 SWM, 27, 5'10 1/2", 220 lbs. Like to meet SWF 20-27 that I hope would fully have the same interests. If you're looking to meet an easygoing gentleman, honest, loving, enjoys life, movies, walks on moonlit nights, and I have much more that I like to do. I'm a non-smoker, social drinker. Please reply with photo and phone.

Code 35296 SWM, 41, non-smoker, Catholic, financially and emotionally secure, owns home in the country. Would like to meet an attractive, slim SWF 20's to 30's who has strong traditional family values and has never been married. If this sounds like you let's meet for wine and conversation.

Code 35380 SWM, 33, 6', 169 lbs., fit, trim, brown hair, hazel eyes, moustache. Seeking SF who's attractive, considerate, down to earth, trim, and non-smoker, social drinker preferred. Age, height, occupation unimportant. Desire for love, companionship/friendship a plus. Ability to be yourself and relate your thoughts and feelings a must.

Code 36019 Looking for the perfect man - Good Luck!! But, if you're looking for a man who is friendly, compassionate, romantic and good-hearted and fun loving - that's me! I'm 40, 5'8", DWM, trim and fit. If you're trim and fit, 30-40, non-smoking, non-drinker with similar traits and tired of playing games, please write and send photo.

Code 35463 Single male, 33, Christian, clean cut, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys the great outdoors, visiting friends, traveling and good down to earth conversation. Physically fit and considerably active. Honesty and maturity important and also someone who enjoys doing things. Non-smoker, light drinker.

Code 35407 Handsome professional, 36, SWM, non-smoker, light social drinker, 6'4", blue eyes, light brown hair, 240 lbs. Looking for that special long-term relationship. Interests are: Sailing, winter sports, daytrips, moonlit walks, dining out, candlelight and soft passionate kisses. Dislikes: fat women, smokers and doing drugs. I'm searching for a S/DWF, 21-42, very attractive, and being shapely is a plus (but no full-figured women, please) who's down to earth, warm and caring. Please send name, phone number and photo if possible.

Code 35650 DWM, 41, attractive, educated, professional. I'm interesting, fun to be with, optimistic and honest. I enjoy biking, picnics, sailing, the ocean, travel, skiing, the mountains, romantic interludes, enlightened and intimate conversation, the theater, music and much more. I'm 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair and eyes, physically fit and enjoy meeting people.

Code 35681 DWM, 47. Want to be treated like a lady? Well, I am a very sociable man that knows how to treat a woman right. I prefer a non-smoker between the ages of 35 and 45. Who also enjoys playing basketball, running, eating out, and beautiful mountain views. I am hardworking and financially secure. So if you want to be treated like a lady, let's have a sociable dinner.

Code 35285 Single white male, 5'6", 135 lbs., professional, 40, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, easygoing personality. Looking for woman under 40 for summer romance and maybe more; if the vibes are right. Have many interests - theater, movies, concerts, golf, hot summer days at the Cape, etc. Like healthful foods and am physically fit. Enjoy getaway excursions and being spontaneous. Hopefully you are fit, a non-smoker, intelligent, attractive, family-minded, and have some similar interests. To find out more, please write and tell me about you! Include your phone number - thanks.

Code 36078 I am a 46 yr. old male who presents whole in the three primary areas of my life. Body, mind and spirit. I enjoy good clean fun. I do smoke, but am in the process of stopping. I love my sons, I love to write. I enjoy bicycling and most outdoor activities. I was successful in business for 15 yrs. I am finishing a master's degree in social work with concentration in private practice. My short-term goals is tomorrow - my long-term goal is a PHD.

Code 35605 SWM, 33, 5'7", 150 lbs., secure professional, handsome, charming, witty, down to earth, honest, good sense of humor etc. But this is no joke, if it sounds too good to be true, check it out. Some of my interests are bicycling, swimming, scuba, skiing, and cooking. I pride myself on staying physically fit. Social drinker, non-smoker. I'm searching for an attractive, physically fit woman in her twenties, with no children yet. She must be as serious about her career as she is about fun and relationship. Write, send photo, I will respond with my own. I wish you the best.

Code 36080 I'm a person with a warm personality, good-looking and a great sense of humor. I'm athletic, outgoing. I enjoy the beach, outdoors, family, dancing, working out, travel, good movies and fine restaurants with great company. I am looking for an affectionate, attractive lady, 22-42 who is outgoing and fun-loving.

Code 36085 Single white male, I'm 26, smoker but trying to quit. I'm 5'6", brown hair, hazel eyes, fit, 162 lbs. I like exercising, camping and dancing. I'm easygoing and open-minded. I'm looking for a girl with a good personality, attractive, and slender to just have a good time; if all goes well, maybe more.

Code 36018 DWM, 62 yrs old, but thinks and acts like half this age. A real gentleman, great sense of humor, real active, enjoys great conversation. Looking for a lady in her mid 40's who enjoys life and herself.

Code 35594 One-woman man seeking long-term relationship. SWM, 38, 5'9", fit but not fanatic, honest, caring, casual and unconventional, non-smoker, social drinker. If you like offbeat humor and intelligent conversation mixed with long walks, movies, dining, cross country skiing and non-macho men, why not give me a try?

Code 35737 SWM, 27, 6', 150 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. Works 2nd shift and weekends. Looking to meet S/DWF 24-30 (no children). I am honest, down-to-earth, quiet, attractive, very fit, intelligent, funny, romantic, non-smoker, social drinker. I enjoy the outdoors, playing guitar and keyboards, cuddling, watching some T.V., maybe a movie, perhaps a lunch date. Looking for a female with similar interests for a sincere relationship. Does a back rub sound nice? A lunch date? Serenaded by music? A kiss on the forehead? Foot massage? Bike ride? Entangling feet while watching T.V.? Please send letter with photo and possibly a phone number.

Code 36039 A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS? Friendly, mischievous, professional, single white male, 39, desires partnership with slightly untamed female soul. Values compassion, imagination, humor, passion, hard work, responsibility. Offers looks, health, smiles, understanding. Enjoys outdoors, nature, people, music, rest. Promises to listen/be wrong sometimes. Dearest woman with open eyes, will our echoes resonate?

Code 35523 I am an attractive, single white male with brown hair and brown eyes. I am 24 yrs. old and am 6'2" and between 170-175 lbs. I have a very nice and outgoing personality, and consider myself to be compassionate, warm, friendly and intelligent. My favorite activities include hiking, mountain climbing, boating, traveling, playing the guitar, dining out and going to the movies and live shows. I am interested in meeting a single white female who is attractive, slim, has a good personality and sense of humor, preferably a non-smoker and not a heavy drinker, and who has many of the same interests that I have. Also, this person would have to be between 21-30 and share the same religious belief, which is Catholicism or any Christian religion.

Code 36021 SWM, 27, 5'8", 170 lbs., non-smoker, social drinker, never married, no children, physically fit, honest, loyal, romantic and adventuresome. I enjoy movies, dining out, dancing, hiking, camping, going to the beach, fairs, traveling, quiet times, stimulating conversation, walks, music, reading, friends, family and having fun. Looking for SWF, approx. 21-30, non-smoker, no children, physically fit, with similar interests and virtues. Take a chance with me and your dreams may come true.

Code 36016 DWM, 38, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown eyes and hair. Likes (alphabetically) cards, cigarettes, cocktails, dining out, going to bed early, movies, not dancing, sports on TV and Stephen King. Seeking compatible female.

Code 36017 SWM, 38, 5'8", 155, good looking, college educated, hardworker. Enjoys outdoor activities. Would like to meet a non-smoking, physically active, appealing, considerate and trustworthy woman for a possible relationship.

Code 34077 Single white male - I'm a good-looking, athletic, intelligent, honest, sensual and compassionate man with a successful, satisfying career. I enjoy dining, walking, movies, Tanglewood, sports and stimulating conversation. I'm looking for a sincere, pretty, interesting, affectionate, kind, and optimistic woman, 30-45 for a loving, equal relationship. Please write (only) and tell me what you're like and what you like.

Code 35318 SWM, 42, 5'11", 180 lbs. I'm in good physical shape, enjoy the outdoors and many different activities. I'm down to earth, warm, honest, affectionate, playful, caring and sincere. I'm looking for a long-term relationship with a female who has some of the same qualities and who wants to work at risking exposing their feelings in a relationship.

Code 35429 SWM, 24, 5'7", 140 lbs., short brown hair, hazel eyes. I am a non-smoker, social drinker, and I have a natural desire to achieve many goals in life. I have two children (she 3, he 4) and they are very well mannered, well brought up children. I am looking for an attractive, family-oriented female who would like to be treated like a lady. Must be under 36 years old. Let's work together to set many goals and have a fun time doing it.

Code 35366 SWM, 32, 5'7", 150 lbs. A real nice, friendly person, trying to meet a real nice, friendly woman! I'm a non-smoker, drug free, college graduate, professional, never married, and raised with traditional values. I enjoy all the usual, including evening walks, interesting conversation, bicycling, the outdoors, hockey, photography, traveling and music. Are you a SWF, 25-35 or so, non-smoker, drug-free, with a warm, friendly personality, sincere and honest, family-oriented, and fun to be with? Then don't hesitate to write! Let's be good friends, first. More, later? Photo appreciated.

Code 35381 Single white male, 39, handsome, 5'10", 175 lbs., non-smoker or drug user. I enjoy outdoor activities such as barbecuing, beach, hiking, camping, canoeing, gardening, boating, fairs and scuba diving. I like to travel to different places such as historical areas of interest or visit museums, aquariums or other cultural events. Dining out is nice, but candlelight dinners are better. I'm honest, caring and trustful. I don't have any health problems nor do I wish any. I enjoy a good bottle of wine and country living. I would like very much to meet an attractive, white female, 30-42, 5'5-8", who is shapely, non-smoker, trusting and caring, who would be my best friend first and then see where it goes from there. Photo if possible and phone.

Code 36045 Divorced white male, a young 50, 5'6", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys car shows, picnics, conversation, romantic evenings at home, yard work. I have a

steady reliable income. I own my own home and several classic cars. Looking for a lady, 5'6" or shorter, 30-45, smoker o.k., for possible long-term relationship.

Code 35976 White male, 30. I'm a romantic looking for someone to share some time with and build a relationship that could grow into something great. Likes movies, dinners out, going on drives nowhere and walk in the moonlight or quiet evenings in. No smokers, will respond to all.

Code 36042 Divorced white male, 34, 5'10", 180 lbs., physically fit and financially secure. I enjoy good music, good food and good company. If you like motorcycles (Harley's) and like to ride, write me. Age, color or weight is not important, an easygoing, laid-back personality is much more preferred. Photo would be nice.

Code 36036 SWM, 30 yrs old, professional, handsome, 6'1", 195 lbs. and in excellent shape. Non-smoker, social drinker who's tired of the bar scene and needs to find that someone special. Looking for someone who's in excellent shape, loves dancing and moonlit picnics. Please send photo.

Code 35136 Satisfaction guaranteed. Attractive SWM, 26, 6'3", 185 lbs. I'm college educated with athletic build. I enjoy movies, working out and romantic evenings. Seeking a trim, SWF, 5'7-plus, 21-28 for long-term relationship. Take a chance, you won't be disappointed, satisfaction guaranteed.

Code 35834 RECIPE FOR LIFE - Mix 1 S/DWF mid 20's to mid 40's and this DWM, 38, 5'8", 175 lbs., brown hair & eyes. Add enjoyment of outdoors, all water sports, dancing, movies & dining in or out, C/W & oldies, quiet times and much more. Blend in honesty, respect, communication & commitment. Keep drug-free. Sprinkle with fun, affection, romance & passion. Results - 1 mutually beneficial relationship. Sound yummy? Dig in.

Code 36069 WANTED - (preferably alive) one hopeless (I'm one too) romantic with great

sense of humor. Must like sunsets, sports, slow dancing, long talks, walks, long drives and comedy. REWARD - a great guy (if I do say so myself), a divorce in progress, white male, smoker, 24, 5'7", 160 lbs., good-looking professional. All replies answered.

Code 35941 Wanted: Girlfriend to be my best friend! I am a SWM, 30, sensitive, compassionate, passionate, funny, good-looking, no kids (yet!). Okay Cupid, fire off a direct hit. Please send photo and phone!

Code 35625 SWM, 32, seeks young minded female for serious relationship. I work nights, so day outings and lunch dates would be nice. I'm 5'11", medium built, reasonably attractive. Interests include hikes, biking, most music, scuba, many more. Frequent commuter to Springfield area. Phone and photo if possible.

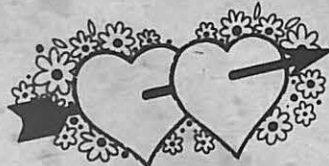
Code 35586 Hi! Very quiet, shy, country single romantic gentleman. Nice looking, 5'11", 195 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, clean-cut, white male, 38. I am so tired of playing games. Secure, blue-eyed, 6'1", 200 lbs., graying hair and beard. I enjoy gardening, motorcycles, cooking, country living, flights of fantasy with soft landings, Caribbean vacations.

Code 35580 Male, 23, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 200 lbs., hard-working, honest, sincere, caring person. Like to take long walks, listen to music. If you love to swim, bike ride and the outdoors, then I'm the one for you. I'm willing to try new and exciting things. Send photo and phone number.

Code 36088 Not rich/don't have nice car, don't watch sports. What I want isn't tangible, but sometimes you can almost touch...I love people and give to life. Believe in God. Most days believe he believes in me. Don't drink or drug. I may not remember your name right away, but I'll remember what we shared instantly. So let's share! 28, 6', brown hair, brown eyes/women look & think: "TROUBLE."

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